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# Howard team accused of smear tactics

By Andrew Pierce and Richard Ford

ANN Widdecombe, the former Prisons Minister, accused Michael Howard of attempting to discredit her yesterday as the Tory leadership contest descended into personal abuse and bitter recriminations.

The former Home Secretary denied Miss Widdecombe's claims that he, or his compaign team, were behind the reports that she had become too close to Derek Lewis, the sacked prisons director. Miss Widdecombe dimissed as a "demonstrable smear" the suggestions that her judgment had been clouded about Mr Lewis after he had wooed her with flowers, chocolates and private dinners.

But she revealed that she

sent Mr Lewis's wife, Louise, a £30 bouquet from Interflora on the day her husband was sacked with a simple message: Love and prayers. "For which thought I was bawled out by Mr Howard," she said.

In an interview with The Times, the unmarried Miss Widdecombe flatly rejected the assertion in press reports yesterday that her head been furned by Mr Lewis's gifts of flowers, chocolates and private dinners.

"Apart from the fact it is not true, it is extremely patronold spinster is vulnerable to such blandishments," she said. "I wonder if they would have said such things about a

49-year-old bachelor. Mr Lewis said in a statement last night that at no time while he was in office had he ers or had her to dinner. He



Lewis: bouquet came from wife and him

said that on two occasions over a year after he left the prison, Mr Lewis and his wife Louise sent flowers to her. The statement added that he had not dined with her until after he left the service.

Miss Widdecombe will see Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker, tomorrow to seek permission to make a personal statement on the floor of the Commons. She would use the occasion to accuse Mr Howard of misleading Parliament in the Commons censure debate over Mr Lewis's sacking in

October 1995. Asked why she had waited 18 months to accuse Mr Howmons, she replied: "I only realised in February when I read Derek Lewis's book about his time at the prison service. Something fell into

Miss Widdecombe said that in February Mr Lewis delivered a copy of the book, Hidden Agendas, about his

period at the prison service, to her home. "He also gave me a small bunch of flowers. I suspect he bought them at a petrol station. He was on his way to a family lunch."

As for being wooed with chocolates, she said: "Nobody, especially my friends, woo me with chocolate. They have too much respect for the width of my ligure."

In a new twist Peter Lilley, who Miss Widdecombe is supporting for the leadership. publicly dissociated himself from Mr Howard's former deputy. He said: "I am not prepared to have as a member of my team anybody who publicly criticises a fellow candidate.

As the controversy once again engulfed the leadership campaign Mr Howard denied that his team was behind the black propaganda about Miss Widdecombe, which appeared in yesterday's Daily Mail.

Unnamed "insiders" were quoted as saying she had opposed Mr Howard's deci-sion to sack Mr Lewis in October 1995, after lapses in prison security, because he "flattered her vanity". The insider added: "He sent her flowers and took her to dinner. I don't think she was used to

A hunt was under way yesterday to discover the culprit responsible for triggering the black propaganda war. The key liasion figure with the media in Mr Howard's troubled leadership camp is Tim Collins, a rising star of the party, who is well versed in the black art of unattributable



Widdecombe yesterday: "Patronising to assume that a 49-year-old spinster is vulnerable to such blandishments"

press briefings. Mr Collins, 33, has been deployed around the House of Commons press gallery as the rapid response unit to the Widdecombe

'Politics can get dirty," Miss Widdecombe said yesterday, "but the suggestion I became disgusting lie and demonstrable smear. I was rarely alone

She added: "There is something about the night about Michael. Our relationship became so difficult in the end that I had to raise my pencil to try to ensure I was called at departmental meetings."

As the insults flew thick and fast Mr Howard in turn effectively accused Miss Widdecombe of lying. He told the BBC: "My colleagues in the parliamentary party will look at these allegations and will judge them for what they are worth. There is no truth in

Mr Howard's showdown with the prisons director came in October 1995. He sacked Mr Lewis after the completion of General Sir John Learmont's report into the escape of inmates from Parkhurst jail in January of the same year. The decision reduced Miss Widdecombe to tears.

The night before the dismissal she spoke on the tele-phone to Mr Wilson the Permament Secretary. Resig-nation was on her mind. "I told him I was going to buy a cat and issue a press statement saying: I am going to spend more time with it'. Mr Wilson allege

on Miss Widdecombe's loyalty to the Prime Minister by telling her that to quit would let down John Major.

that Mr Howard was the

biggest loser.

Whoever was responsible for the attacks on Miss Widdecombe, the verdict of most Tory MPs yesterday was



"Delivery for a

Mr Howard"

# Mobile phone users face new charges

By JILL SHERMAN CHIEF POLITICAL

MOBILE phone users and cab drivers face higher charges for using the radio airwaves under new Bill to be announced in today's Queen's

The proposals, which are expected to raise more than El billion over ten years, will open the airwaves to market forces for the first time and lead to higher charges in busy

Under the Wireless, Telegraphy and Radio Spectrum Bill users, who include radio pager owners, will be charged according to how congested the airwaves are in the areas they choose to use.

Downing Street sources in-dicated that the additional costs could be the equivalent of minicabs and 10p a week for mobile phone users.

Although the price rises are small, officials point out that millions of people would have to pay the extra charge. The sources also said that initially 80 per cent of current users were unlikely to be affected. Work on the new Bill had begun under the last adminis-

tration and was the subject of a White Paper läst June. The Queen's Speech will be topped by two education Bills. a referendum Bill for a Scottish Parliament and a Welsh Assembly, and a Bill to introduce a national minimum

wage.
The speech will also include a Bill to encourage a huge into the NHS. Ministers want to extend the areas where private cash is used as part of joint private and public sector projects to cover services for the mentally ill, GP surgeries and possibly radiotherapy and pathology services.

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### School to pay for race abuse

A leading independent school has agreed to pay compensa-tion and apologise to a pupil from an Asian background who was racially abused by

fellow students. The Dame Allan's School in Newcastle upon Tyne will pay £8,000 in damages and costs to Hytham Hamad, after being threatened with court

### Opera chief quits after four months

Genista McIntosh has resigned as chief executive of the Royal Opera House after only four months because of a

stress-related illness.

Mary Allen, currently the secretary-general of the Arts Council of England, will take her place\_\_\_\_\_Page 5 Rodney Milnes, page 33

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# Bank signals mortgage rise

THE Bank of England yesterday confronted homeowners with the prospect of rising mortgage costs in the next lew months by making clear that it is ready to use its newly acquired powers to raise inter-

The City is predicting that rates could rise from the current 6.25 per cent to as high as 7 per cent by the end of the year. A three-quarter point rise in rates would mean homeowners paying about E40 a month more on an average E50.000 mortgage.

The bank said in its Quarterly Inflation Report, the first since it won operational independence, that a "modest tightening" of rates is needed

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY to avoid overshooting the Government's inflation target. But the report also hinted that the Bank wants to see taxes rise in the mini-budget, expected on June 10, to help to take pressure off the soaring

The bank points out that further rate rises would "worsen the imbalance" between the manufacturing sector, which is losing exports because of the strong pound, and the booming service sector.

The hawkish tone of the

bank's comments took the City by surprise, prompting the stock market to fall back from a new record high while the pound finished strongly up on

But there is confusion over the possible timing of any rate increases. The four new members of the bank's monetary policy committee, which will set interest rates each month. have not yet been appointed and may disagree with the

Bank's analysis. The first meeting of the new committee is expected ahead

of the Budget, but no date has been set. The bank described last week's quarter-point rise in base rates to 6.25 per cent as

an "appropriate step in the right direction". It also welcomed Gordon Brown's reforms, which have given the bank the power to set interest

# Britain is set to rejoin Unesco

By Michael Binyon and Susan Bell

BRITAIN is to rejoin Unesco. the United Nations educational. scientific and cultural organisation, 12 years after quitting the Paris-based body in protest at mismanagement

and corruption. Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, made the an-nouncement in Paris during a visit to the Western European Union. Britain's application will be formally unveiled tomorrow in the Queen's Speech, but has already been warmly welcomed by Federico Mayor, Unesco's Director-General. The cost is estimated

The objections levelled principally by Western countries to the running of Unesco were directed especially at the former Director-General, Amadou M'Bow, who was accused of cronyism, financial irresponsibility and orchestrating an anti-Western cam-paign. Britain, America and Singapore left; so far America

has given no sign of rejoining. Senor Mayor, who took over after Mr M'Bow was ousted. promised to reform the organisation and cut back waste. British officials yesterday said that he had made good progress in doing so.

# Italians pay tribute to Ernie Foster of Portsmouth

By ALAN HAMILTON

ROME has its Piazza Victor Emmanuel and Venice its Piazza San Marco. But in the small Italian village of Suio. the main square is about to be renamed the Piazza Ernest

Italy, being short on 20th century heroes, usually names its streets after kings and saints, or household historic names like Dante, Verdi and Garibaldi. There has been a recent rash of street-naming after Giovanni Falcone, the anni-Malia judge who was blown up. He is now joined in the municipal pantheon by Ernie from Portsmouth.



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Ernest Foster, the caring soldier, and the Italian village plaque that honours his bravery

Private Foster, who died five years ago, was with the 5th Hampshire Regiment in 1944, when the Allied invasion of Italy reached Suio, a village in the Aurunci mountains near

the town of Castelforte, between Naples and Rome. During fierce fighting between Allied and German troops in the village square, he shielded a ballet that killed his mother.

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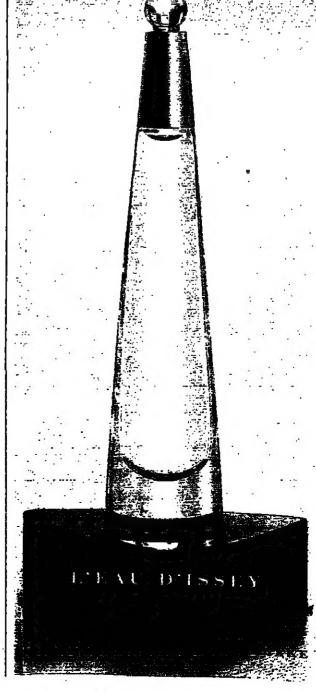
died in his arms. As he lay her body down, he found in her shawl her 18-month-old baby, who had been injured by the

nearest British ambulance post and left him there, not knowing whether he would survive.

Alessandro Lefeno did live. Now aged 54 and a postal worker, he is preparing to welcome Private Foster's widow and children to a ceremony in Suio later this month. At his Italian home yester-

day he said: "Ernest was a brave man and his courage deserves to be recognised. The whole village knew what he did for me, and when some work was being carried out on the piazza, the council suggest-

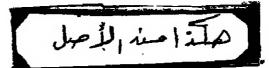
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# Blair would be wise not to ride roughshod over Parliament

THE Government is showing worrying signs of miumphalism. Tony Blair was widely praised a week ago for telling Labour MPs that "we are not the masters. The people are the masters. We are the servants of the people." But not all his ministers are behaving in this spirit. Some seem to be confusing their executive and their parliamentary roles.

The Government has started with a flourish. launching many fresh initiabut ministers are entitled to make their mark quickly,

Gordon Brown has been criticised for making the Bank of England operationally responsible for setting interest rates without telling Parliament first, or obtaining its approval. But given that Mr Brown had to meet Eddie George, the Bank Governor, last week, there was a virtue in taking a quick decision. And the new monetary policy

approved by legislation, so Parliament will be involved.

It is also reasonable for Mr Blair to impose a clear strategic framework on Government - to see that manifesto pledges are fulfilled and not undermined by the pressure of events. The problem is over attitudes to Parliament.

Some ministers view MPs as primarily lobby fodder. That obviously suits executiveminded politicians. On the

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BBC's On the Record on Sunday, Peter Mandelson stated bluntly: "Labour Members of Parliament have been elected in order to carry out the manifesto for which we have received an overwhelming mandate from the public."

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Mr Mandelson has a point, since Labour's primary task is to show it can be trusted in government, and this imposes

a responsibility on Labour MPs not to "impede or present harriers to the implementation of our manifesto". But to claim that the manifesto is "binding" on Labour MPs is

an oversimplification. Manifestos are not perfect and MPs have a duty to see whether Bills can be improved. Labour has rightly proposed improvements in the way Bills are scrutinised. That means that Labour MPs cannot just be unquestioning supporters of the Government.

Ministers have also been rather high-handed over the reform of Prime Minister's Questions, announcing the switch from two sessions a. week to one without consult-: ation. This is not just a matter for the Government, as Mr Mandelson suggested on Sunday. The organisation of Question Time is also a matter for the Commons. The Procedure Committee report of July 1995 specifically rejected the idea of one 30-minute session per week and focused on an experiment to replace open

questions by substantive ones. Ann Taylor has said that a new special Select Committee to review parliamentary pro-cedures will shortly be set up and will consider further changes to Question Time, including PM's Questions, It would have been better for the

change in timing to be re-Mr Blair has all the cards atpresent. But he should not overplay them. He would be wise to be conciliatory when he addresses the Commons this afternoon -- both to fulfill his pledge to create a new nontribal, open style of politics and to show his Government is not riding roughshod over

PETER RIDDELL

# Catholic man murdered in renewed cycle of violence

BY NICHOLAS WATT, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

ULSTER has returned to the nightmare of tit-for-tat sectarian murders for the first time in three years, with three men

dead in as many weeks. A Roman Catholic man was abducted from a Gaelic Athletic Association club in Bellag-hy, Co Londonderry, late on Monday night and shot by loyalists. The murder followed the shooting of a policemen last Friday and the death of a Catholic man last week.

The attacks have horrified political leaders. In the last wave of such attacks in June 1994, six Catholic men were gunned down by loyalists in a country pub in Co Down as they watched the football World Cup. The Ulster Volunteer Force murdered the men purely because they were Catholies, after republicans murdered two Protestants in the Shankili Road.

In the attack on Monday night. Sean Brown, who was married, with six children, was seized by the terrorists as he locked up his GAA club in the village. During a violent struggle, Mr Brown, who was chairman of the club and a pillar of the local community, suffered serious head injuries. He was hundled into his own car. His body was found near the burnt-out remains of his car in Randalstown, Co Antrim, early yesterday.

The carefully orchestrated killing of Mr Brown indicates that he was murdered by one of three loyalist terrorist groups - the Ulster Volunteer Force, the Ulster Defence Association, or the newly-formed Loyalist Volunteer Force. Mo Mowlam, the Northern



Brown: chairman of sports club

Ireland Secretary, yesterday held talks with the two political parties with links to the UVF and UDA. Speaking after the meeting, Adam In-gram, the Northern Ireland security minister, said that he believed that the loyalist ceasefire was still in place. although he added that ministers would subject the ceasefire to serious analysis. He condemned the murder of

Mr Brown as horrific. Dr Seamus Hegarty, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Derry, described the murder as "vicious and godless".

Archbishop Robin Eames, the Primate of the Church of Ireland, gave a grim warning of the dangers of sectarianism during an address to the General Synod of the church in Dublin. This is another example of the depths to which this community has sunk. People are talking about a descending curve of sectarian-

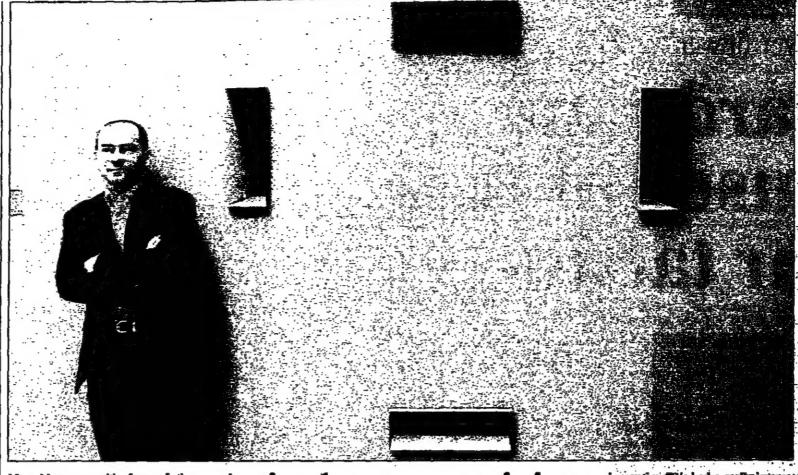
ism." He said such attacks were "totally, totally wrong". Friends last night paid tribute to Mr Brown, Harry Chivers, a member of the GAA's South Derry Committee, said: "Sean was a genuine family man. He put his heart and soul into the club, he gave mannered man who didn't get into arguments with people

Mr Chivers last spoke to Mr Brown on the pitch in Clones, Co Monaghan, on Sunday after the Derry under-21 team won the All-Ireland final. As detectives in Randals-

town began investigation into Mr Brown's murder, the funeral took place a few miles away in Antrim of Darren Bradshaw, the RUC constable who was shot dead at point blank range on Friday night by the Irish National Liberation Army in a bar in

Armed police are standing guard in a hospital in the Irish Republic where a suspected terrorist was receiving treatment after a botched bomb anack in Northern Ireland. The man was admitted to the Sligo General Hospital shortly after an incident in Belfast last week, when only the detonator of a Semtex device

He fled across the horder into the Irish Republic where he is being treated for serious



Max Mosscrop with four of the abstract paintings that have won him the £26,000 NatWest Art Prize, the country's biggest. Mr Mosscrop, 34, who trained as an architect, received the award at the Lothbury Gallery in the City of London. He was chosen from a shortlist of 11 young painters, including seven women. They were whittled down from 700 entries for the competition, which unlike the Turner Prize, focuses exclusively on

TONY BLAIR said yesterday

that he would override the

House of Lords if it tried to

stand in the way of Labour's

plans to introduce a complete

The Prime Minister met

parents of children who died

at Dunblane and told them

that, if peers rejected the

legislation, as some have threatened, he would invoke

the Parliament Act to force it

through next year. Under the

Act a Bill that has been

defeated in the Lords can be

reintroduced after 12 months

and pushed through, with

peers powerless to intervene a

that Labour would have no

hesitation in doing that. "if the

worst happened" in the Lords.

Mr Blair told the parents

ban on handguns.

**Blair defies Lords** 

on handgun ban

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

Downing Street sources indi-cated that the Bill to deprive

hereditary peers of voting

rights was likely to be intro-

The decision to go beyond

duced in autumn next year.

the firearms legislation intro-

duced by the Tories after Dunblane and bring in a

complete ban as soon as

It remains highly unlikely that the Lords would — even

in perhaps the last year before

their own future is trans-

formed - turn down a Bill

that appeared in the Labour

manifesto and which had been

passed by the Commons.

The Advertising Standards

Authority said yesterday that

it would not succumb to

pressure from pro-gun lobby

groups. The warning follows

possible was Mr Blair's.

# Artist draws on training as architect to win prize

Ernie the hero

him my life." Private Foste

visited Suio several times after

the war, and was a popular

His widow Sylvia, 68, said yesterday: The Germans were on one side of the piazza

and Ern and the English were

on the other firing at each

other, when this woman ran

across the square and got badly wounded. She fell to the

ground and Ern ran up to try

to help her. He tried to move her but couldn't. As she

breathed her last breath her

shawl fell open, and he saw she was holding a baby boy." Mrs Foster said that, after

taking the baby to a field

station, he returned and man-

aged to find the father, who

gave him a battered and broken St Christopher neck-

lace, which Ernie treasured

and kept with his medals for

Mr Foster tracked down the

the rest of his life.

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under 35 who live or work in Britain. Last night Mr Mosscrop. from Ormskirk, Lancashire, who is studying at the Royal Academy, said: "It's not really sunk in yet but it will be

studio." Rosemary Harris, one of the judges and curator of the NatWest Group Art Collection, said they were impressed with the way Mr Mosscrop had drawn on his architectural backinnovative. TWe had a really impre-

sive selection of entries, with both abstract and figurative work, but Max is a worthy winner, she said. The exceptional quality of the work submitted this year is a real sign of the much heralded revival of painting in the 1990s." The ten runners up received £1.000 each and all II have works exhibited in the new Lothbury gallery, opened in the former bank-ing hall of the City headquarters of

# Lilley and Dorrell

urge party revamp BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

PETER LILLEY supported calls yesterday for party activists to have a vote in future

The former Social Security Secretary also tried to enhance his claims to be the unity candidate in the present leadership contest by emphasising that his opposition to the European single currency applied to the lifetime of the present Parliament and not

necessarily forever. Both Mr Lilley and Stephen Dorrell, the former Health Secretary, put a revamp of party organisation at the centre of their campaign efforts. Mr Lilley said: The decay of our organisation was a key factor which contributed to the scale of our defeat. . . . We will only win if we invigorate the party. We can only attract young, energetic, intel-

involved in rather more than the colour of the belloons at He called for a national register of members to be drawn up to enable more

direct communication between the party at Westminster and its supporters in the constituencies. But he said it it was no possible to do so in time to give all members a vote in this contest.

Mr Dorrell promised, if elected, to review the way the party worked — including the system by which it elects a leader. In a letter to constitu ency party chairmen he said the overhaul needed to include the operation of Conservative Central Office, candidate se-lection and "internal party discipline". He said: "One inescapable lesson of our general election defeat is that, for the first time, our opponents more disciplined."

# Union chief wants £4 as minimum

The unions will demand a minimum wage of no less than £4 an hour, Bill Morris, general secretary of the Trans port and General Workers Union, told business leaders yesterday (writes Philip Bassett) He said that the movement would expect the new Labour Government to introduce that rate.

Businesses, led by the Confederation of British Industry, are orging that the minimum wage should be no higher than £3.50, but unions such as the TGWU have been reaching deals with individual companies for minimum rates of £4 an hour. Mr Morris speaking in Cardiff, for the first time explicitly translated that industrial target into a political objective for the minimum wage level.

### Water summit

The Government is to hold a summit to discuss the water shortage facing the country. Representatives from the water industries, environmental agencies and consumer groups are expected to attend the summit in London on Monday. The first four months this year were the driest since 1929, according to the London Weather Centre.

### Woolf plea

Lead Woolf, Master of the Rolls, urged the Lord Chancellor last night not to allow a review to helt the radical reforms now underway to cut the rost sand delay of civil linguistic in the Get lecture to the Royal College of Physicians he said. The civil justice system has become excessively adversarial slow complex and expensive."

# Nepal boy claim

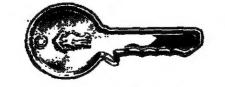
The Nepalese boy whose de-portation order was over-turned by the Home Secretary Jack Straw will go to the High Court today to fight for an estimated £20,000 in costs from the Government, Jaya Ram Khadka's adoptive English father, Richard Morley, said it was a "matter of principle" that the courts should award costs.

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### Riders' truce

Twenty women became the first lady riders in more than 60 years to join Hawick Common Riding. They were outnumbered two to one by men, but their participation in the 26 mile cross country ride, accompanied by a strong police presence, marked a truce in the year long dispute with the Lady Riders' Association over the men-only rule.

#### baby - by then aged 46 - during a visit to Italy in 1986. the arrival last month of 80 He was clearly using the visit of the Dunblane group on the eve of the Queen's Speech to near-identical letters of complaint about an anti-handgun The families became friends, ligent people to our party if we advertisement funded by the fire a warning shot at the and Mr Lefeno attended are going to involve them in it. Upper House. In addition. Snowdrop campaign. Ernie's funeral in 1992. They've got to feel they are



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DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE new Defence Secretary, George Robertson, indicated resterday that he saw peacekeeping, not fighting wars, as the priority for the Armed

It was important to have the most appropriate defence for the country, and one problem that no longer needed to be taken into account was "a general war in Europe", he said. "The problems faced are evacuation of national personnel in Zaire and a whole series of other conflicts all over the world that are very different from the past." he said on BBC

Radio 4's Today. The Government will an-nounce a six-month strategic defence review in the Queen's Speech today. It will involve the Foreign Office and the Treasury as well as the Ministry of Defence, and Mr Robertson is also expected to ask experts from the industrial

War no longer priority, says Robertson ipate in the review, Mr Robertson said the re-

view would not be "Treasury-run", and indicated an intention to maintain spend-£21.8 billion. But he said the review would be "all-embracing ... and will try to build a national consensus about what the country needs".

The expectation among the Armed Forces was that the review will lead to a reduction in commitments that will bring budget savings. There was particular alarm among the sole surviving overseas-based armoured division,

which is in Germany.
Forces chiefs are expected to use the argument put to the previous Government thatdespite the changed world, it is still vital to train and equip the Services for high-intensity wars. You can peacekeep if you have trained for war, but you can't fight a war if you have only trained to peace-



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# Private school in race payout to abused pupil

LEADING independent school yesterday agreed to pay compensation and apologise to a pupil who was racially abused by fellow students.

The Dame Allan's School in Newcastle upon Tyne has agreed to pay £4,000 in damages and a similar amount in costs to Hytham Hamad, the son of a hospital consultant, after being threatened with a High Court action.

Yesterday, after the agreed settlement was announced. Hytham whose father is Asian, said that the abuse had become more frequent and severe as he rose through the school. A complaint by his father was ignored and at one point, he claimed, staff had stood by while older boys kicked him around a playing field.

When he finally retaliated and punched one of the sixthformers who had been abusing him, he was accused of making trouble and was suspended. A letter describing him as "dangerous" was sent to parents and his family was told to remove him or see him. expelled. After his parents agreed to remove him, they decided to take action against the £3,783-a-year day school.

Hytham, now 18, is completing his A-level studies at a state college near his home in Sunderland, and hopes to study medicine. He said: "I could not take any more and knew if I did not act to try and stop it it would go on forever. I decided to make a stand, so I attacked a sixthformer who had been abusing me.

"I hate violence but I had suffered months of daily abuse. I had suffered the occasional remark from my first days but I shrugged it off; it



Hytham Hamad: hopes to study medicine

was only when I reached the fourth form that it became a serious problem.

"About seven sixthformers started calling me 'Blacky' and 'Nigger'. I was never called by name. They made me stand at the back of the lunch queue and I was always being given extra functitime duties. They would barge into me and push me around whenever they got the chance.

"One day the gang grabbed me and dragged me onto the pitch. They started kicking snow all over me and then began kicking me as well. My glasses were smashed and my lip was cut. Teachers saw what happened and asked me if I was all right but no action was taken against them.

"I couldn't concentrate in class and got up every morning knowing the treatment I was going to get as soon as I arrived at school."

His father, Ahmed, 53, said:

racial bullying at a place like Dame Allan. I felt the distipline at a public school with such a high reputation would be so much better than that. "Hytham bottled up his

feelings for a long time before he finally told us what was happening to him. I was shocked and appalled. When he snapped and defended himself he was suspended indefinitely, when the people who had put him through all that abuse escaped without so much as a warning."
Hytham's mother, Eileen, 53, who is white, said:

"Hytham has come through it and feels it might have made him a better person. Sir Herman Ouseley, chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality, which backed the case, welcomed the apology.

In a statement, David

Welsh, the school's principal, said: "Since joining here last September I have not seen any evidence of the tensions or strains of three years ago. This settlement draws a line under those events and has enabled the school to recognise the need to address major issues such as equal oportunities.
"The settlement included a

letter of apology to the Hamad family from the governors. The letter intended to show it had always been our intention to act in an impartial and even-handed manner in respect of the incident which happened in January 1994. The school accepts, with hindsight, there were shortcomings and failings in the manner in which investigations were undertaken. There were now new procedures to deal with racist abuse



Mrs Shreeve with her Yorkshire terrier after she paid £100 for its return. "I was lucky because I got Fudge back."

# Family pay ransom for pedigree pet

A FAMILY had to pay a £100 ransom for the safe return of their pedigree puppy after it was stolen from their front

The seven-month old Yorkshire terrier, Fudge, whose ancestors include a Cruft's champion, was held by his captors for a week. It is thought he was stolen to be bred: pedigree Yorkshire terrier puppies usually sell for around £200.

The dog's distraught owner, Maria Shreeve, put up posters of her pet all around Norwich after he went missing. After a week, in which Mrs Shreeve believes Fudge was probably bred at least three times, the ransom demand came.

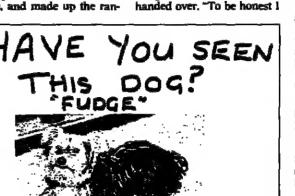
"The phone never stopped ringing with sightings, and two days later the woman came round and said she knew where Fudge was," Mrs Shreeve said.

"She gave us the address and we told the police. They went round to the house where Fudge was supposed to be, but he had obviously been hidden away. We did not see

following Saturday, when she came round to say that she could get Fudge for £100." Mrs Shreeve, 30, and her husband Mark, 28, a mechan-

ic, were appalled by the demand and at first refused. But then this woman said that if we did not pay up we would never see Fudge again. We scraped together all the money we had, borrowed som with all the coppers we could find. But I said how do we know that we will get Fudge back?" In the end we gave this woman £50 and said she could have the rest when she came back with Fudge. It was taking a risk but we had

Twenty minutes later the woman arrived back at the house in Mile Cross with Fudge, and the other £50 was handed over. "To be honest l



The poster that the Shreeves put up around Norwich

back. I didn't care about anything else. I have spoiled him rotten since," said Mrs Shreeve, a care assistant. "He had obviously been

bred and we took him to a vet who confirmed that. He was whining and he had never done that before. If he has been bred three times the people who took him have obviously done all right out of it. That is why they relented and gave him back."

Mrs Shreeve bought Fudge for £150 pounds after replying to an advert from a reputable breeder.

She said: "I was lucky because I got Fudge back, but I am sure there could be other people who will lose their

Fudge electronically tagged for identification and castrated to prevent him being stolen for breeding purposes.

A spokesman for Norfolk police said: "We would encourage anyone faced with a similar situation to contact

# Warning to golf lovers who eat their greens

By Ian Murray

DOCTORS have identified a new hazard for golfers - golf ball liver. It has nothing to do with spending too long at the 19th but a lot to do with lining up a putt on the greens.

The first known victim of what is medically known as "agent orange hepatitis" is Michael Burke, 76, former captain of the Rosses Point Club in Sligo, Ireland.

I used to play every day but I had to stop when I got tired and terribly ill," he said yesterday. "I am not teetotal, but I am certainly not a heavy drinker and I had not been abroad where I could have caught hepatitis. It was a mystery until the hospital sent a sample for analysis at a laboratory where they specialise in poisons. They discovered that the trouble

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"It was then that I remem bered I had got into the habit of wetting the ball on my tongue to clean it on the greens. The golf club uses a selective weedkiller, especially on the greens, and I had been licking it off in small quanti-

ties and swallowing it." The weedkiller was 24 dichlorophenoxyacetic acid, an ingredient of the defoliant known as Agent Orange which was used by US forces in Viemam.

The case history appears today in Gut, a specialist publication issued by the British Medical Journal. Written by the victim's son, Dr Conor Burke, of James Connolly Memorial Hospital, Dublin, it says that "golf ball liver is a definite clinical entity and golfers should beware".

Mr Burke contracted the condition ten years ago and has recovered. When he returned to the greens he used a damp cloth instead of his



Kirsty: murder inquiry

# Girl's body is found in Thames

POLICE launched a murder investigation yesterday after the decapitated body of Kirsty Tidman, 14, was pulled from the Thames. She was identi-

fied by jewellery. Kirsty vanished on May 4 from her home at Charlton, south London. Her parents last week appealed publicly for help in finding her and begged whoever had taken their daughter to let her go. Her body was spotted in the river early yesterday near Wapping in Dockands.

Last week Kirsty's cousin. Paul Pearson, 30, from Abbey Wood, south London, killed himself after being questioned by police. He had denied any involvement in

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IN NEW YORK

CHRISTOPHER REEVE has

astonished his doctors by re-

vealing that he has regained

"some feeling" in his arms,

Mr Reeve, the former film

Superman, was paralysed

hands and back.

# Servicemen face cane for 'robbery'

By Andrew Drummond, in Thailand, and Adrian Lee

TWO British servicemen could face at least 12 strokes of the cane in Singapore and 14 years in prison for allegedly robbing a taxi driver.

Royal Marine Richard Britten. 22, and helicopter mechanic John King, 20, were on shore leave from the Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessel Galahad after spending a month on jungle exercises when they were arrested in the early hours of the morning.

The incident, the second in the Far East this month involving soldiers from the Royal Marines, has infuriated their commanding officers. A Royal Marines source said vesterday: "We are not treating this as a minor incident."

The soldiers, who could be dismissed from the service if found guilty, were warned during briefings before leaving England to observe local customs and laws. Before going on leave they were reminded that Singapore was particularly strict. They were among thousands of army and navy personnel taking part in a major deployment in the Far codenamed Ocean East,

The men left Britain in January and were due home

Paralysed Superman star says

he has regained 'some feeling'

there was no suggestion that any violence was used.

The pair were being held at the Queenstown Remand Centre after failing to provide £4,000 for bail. King is on a two-year attachment to the Marines from the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engi-

Britten Yeovilton, in Somerset.

in August after exercises in

Thailand, Brunei, Singapore and Malaysia.

Details of the incident, at 3.40am on May 3, were vague. said an MoD spokesman who refused to name the men's units or give any personal details. They appeared in court on Monday accused of stealing 43 Singapore dollars
-about £19 - from taxi driver Tong Chin Huat, 53, in a western suburb of the city state. No pleas were taken and the soldiers will reappear on May 20. Army sources said

neers, while Swindon-born was based at

The corporal punishment is carried out on bare buttocks by a martial arts expert wielding a four foot rattan cane. victim is routinely left unable to sit for several months and is scarred for life. the rattan, which is soaked in antiseptic, normally splits

The caning is so ferocious that



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from the neck down two years ago after he was thrown by a horse. His tragedy drew pity from around the world, turning to admiration as he became a tenacious ambassador for the disabled. That tenacity, it seems, has paid off. In a relevision programme to be shown by CBS here tomorrow, Mr Reeve discloses that be has sensation

Ductors had told him only recently that his injury was definitive and that there

"all the way down to the base

of my spine, which is really a breakthrough because six

months ago I couldn't feel

Harlan Weinberg, who has been treating the actor, told the New York Post that the news was "phenomenal". Dr Weinberg said: "He has an incredible inner strength and more personal drive than any individual I've met. That has a lot to do with it."

Mr Reeve also tells the interviewer that his progress is momentous because he can

Reeve: inner strength has helped, say doctors

once more feel the touch of his five-year-old son, Will: "I can feet his hand on mine. . . . The thing I want more, though, is to be able to put my arms around him. And I believe that day is coming." Christopher Reeve's det-

ermination to over come his disability has been rewarded (Dr Thomas Stuttaford writes). If the spinal cord is completely severed regeneration does not occur. But prognosis is a very inexact art and doctors are unwise to be too definite about an outcome in any case until many months have elansed.

Having even a limited sense of touch is an invaluable way of creating and maintaining emotional bonds within a family.

But as yet there seems to be little or no recent recovery in Mr Reeve's muscle power. Any real improvement in physical activity must at this stage be considered very

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GENISTA McINTOSH has resigned as chief executive of the Royal Opera House after only four months in the job because of a stress-related illness, it was announced yesterday.

Mary Allen, currently the secretary-general of the Arts Council of England, will take the place of Ms McIntosh, 50, who took over from Sir Jeremy Isaacs in January.

Keith Cooper, spokesman for the Royal Opera House, declined to elaborate on the nature of Ms McIntosh's illness but said: "It is not a life-threatening illness, but it is such that she does not feel that she

can do the job without being in the best of health and having a lot of stamina." He added that the chief executive's was "an extremely complex and demanding job", managing 800 employees and an annual turn-over of £57 million.

Ms McIntosh has been at Covent Garden during a period of turmoil; the Royal Opera and the Royal Ballet are soon to leave Covent Garden for two-and-a-half years while a £214 million renovation is carried out. They will perform at other venues including the Festival Hall. the Albert Hall and the Barbican.

The Earl of Gowrie, the chairman

of the Arts Council, has described the

plans for the absence from Covent Garden as "shambolic". Many star dancers are expected to quit. Recently backstage staff threatened industrial action over claims for touring allowances for working in temporary

The announcement that Ms McIntosh had resigned because of illness was greeted with astonishment and scepticism among Covent Garden staff. There was speculation that there had been a falling-out between her and the chairman of the Royal Opera House, Lord Chadlington. The Opera House denied that there

had been any rift.

"Jenny has made, even in these very few months, an enormous contribution to the Royal Opera House. Her work on budgeting and programming for closure has been outstanding, and her leadership in setting a new agenda in preparation for the new theatre has done much to lift morale and provide a visionary focus

for the management. "I, and all my colleagues, wish her a speedy return to full healthy and much success and happiness in the

Miss Allen, who has worked as an actress and an arts management consultant but has no experience in running a leading theatre, is to head

the senior management throughout the closure period.

Lord Chadlington added: "We are all delighted that Mary Allen has been able to make such a quick decision. She is one of the best arts managers in the country and we are extremely fortunate that she is able to join the Royal Opera House just as it, too, embarks on a period of change." ☐ Richard Hall, a partner of Binder Hamlyn, has been appointed director of finance at the Royal Opera House after a nine-month search. Lisa Burger, acting finance director, leaves in the summer.

Rodney Milnes, page 33



# Boy, 9, takes the stage to save theatre from drink

By Dareh Gregorian

THE oratory of a boy aged nine helped to save a theatre in Stratford-upon-Avon. Timothy James received applause from councillors and officials after he spoke out against a plan to convert the Waterside Theatre into a pub.

He learnt of the proposal when he attended a performance of A Man for All Seasons at the 120-seat theatre

"I thought it was disgraceful that there should be a plan to turn the last independent theatre in Stratford into a pub," said Timothy, from Coventry.

He and his mother, Tammy, 36, were invited to a meeting of Stratford District Council's planning committee. The boy stood before the H-strong committee and told them: "I object to this proposal because, although the Royal Shakespeare Company is an excellent theatre, not everyone can afford it. The Waterside is cheaper.

"It is the only proper theatre that local schools can hire for plays. If the theatre goes it will never come back and my children won't have the same chance that I had. Finally. aren't there enough pubs in Stratford already? Thank you." The recommendation to grant planning permission

was defeated. Timothy said yesterday: "I was nervous but I want to be an actor and so I bit my lip and walked in front of them. When only three people voted for the plan and it was turned down, I was very happy."

Geoffrey Lees, the councilior who tabled the motion to been enthralled by the "brave young chap". "Timmy brought home to the committee the strength of feeling in the town."

The theatre thanked the boy and said "he has a great future in front of him, as an actor or a

# Minister returns to the director's chair

BRITAIN's first Minister for Film made a nostalgic return yesterday to the Cannes Film Festival, where more than two decades ago he entered a short film in the amateur festival.

In 1973 Tom Clarke tried to excite film-makers with Give Us A Goal, about football in Scotland. Yesterday the filmmakers were coming to him. The Minister for Film and Tourism will be meeting dozens of them to discuss the Government's role in the in-

Mr Clarke could not remember whether his film had heen shown. This time things were different and he posed like a starlet on the sandy beach as he met the press.

He took the opportunity to attack the treatment by cinemas of disabled people, whose cause had been his brief as a shadow minister. They were made to feel like lepers if they tried to see a film, he said. No wheelchairs, for example, were allowed in cinemas; fire regulations were conveniently blamed. Yet seven million in Britain were people disabled.

"I want to see access in every sense, " Mr Clarke said. That meant everything from being employed in making and dis-Mr Clarke said that he Dalya Alberge in

Cannes meets a

former amateur

film-maker with a political mission

renaissance of the British film industry. "The success we've seen for British film has not been because of the Government, but in spite of them," he said, promising change.

This was passionate, fighting talk from a politician, something that film-makers have not heard for years. It was such a contrast to Stephen Dorrell, who will always be thought of as the Heritage Secretary who could not remember the last film he had

Mr Clarke, the MP for Coatbridge and Chryston, says that the cinema is one of his earliest loves, and he is no stranger to the industry: he is former governor of the British Film Institute and a former director of the Scottish

At one film-maker's stand, where he was handed a video of an "action film", there was a

you're saying", he replied. "I do hear you." His enthusiasm was mak-

ing an impression. He also revealed a less-than-confident side rarely seen among politicians when, just after addressing the press, he whispered to his two aides: "Was I all

Dolly the sheep and other cloned creatures are inspiring film-makers to conduct their own experiments with the subject. James Dudelson, a Hollywood producer-director. at Cannes to launch Morella, based on an Edgar Allen Poe tale of a scientist who reproduces herself in a bizarre experiment with an

Mr Dudelson said that, while the scientist apparently succeeds in playing God with her own evolution, the moral is that "the soul cannot be cloned". Over the next couple years, audiences can expect numerous films cloned from the same idea.

They will include Johnny 2.0, starring Jeff Sahey, who appeared opposite Pierce Brosnan in Lawnmower Man. David Carson, vice-president of Promark International, its Los Angeles producers, said that "cloning has become a very pertinent subject". His film centres on a scientist who



Tom Clarke at Cannes yesterday: he plans to work for the renaissance of British film

# Serenity finds peace at last in her subterranean world



Serenity: Cannes debut

building of the festival, there is no glitter - just buyers and sellers, and photographs to entice the eye. This is where the porn industry does much of

(Dalya Alberge writes). Stand after stand is lined with glossy pictures of women with bodies so exaggerated they must have been inflated by bicycle-pumps: neither nature nor silicone could possibly have shaped them that way.

Bodies, stretched into the most contorted positions and entwined

around other bodies — girls with girls and girls with boys — entice buyers to watch the video. Sellers continue to talk about their products even through the most explicit, conversation-stop-

At the stand for Wicked Pictures of California, a porn queen called Serenity was making her debut at the festival yesterday. As the company's new "contract girl" - with her own fan club on the Internet - she will make six films this year, adding to the estimated 7,200 porn movies produced each year in the United States alone.

Serenity, 27, from Las Vegas, said she was initially reticent about the job: her image of the industry was of scummy people and terrible things

This was her fifth year in a career that her family would not have chosen for her. For the first three years, she did only "girl-girl" films. "Now I do boy-girl and girl-girl."

Steven Viottes, of Wicked Pictures,

said that the stars, who tended to be gay, were able to choose their leading men or women. Girls who were new

to the business do not have that luxury. They can expect to be paid from £250 for a sex scene to £6,000 a day. Serenity said that bigger producthat happen to the girls". But it wasn't tions, with "a lot of dialogue", could involved in making the movies, you're thinking finances. It's not a sexual

experience," Mr Vlottes said. He emphasised that Wicked Pic-tures' products did not involve "the bad stuff. He said that he was shocked by some of the films made for the markets in Germany, Spain and

# **Thieving** bibliophile is brought to book

By A STAFF REPORTER

A BOOK lover who could not bear seeing antiquarian vol-umes mouldering on shelves was unable to stop himself from stealing them to restore

at home. James Coleman, 66, stole 83 antiquarian books worth £12,000 from one country house alone. He took them in as animal lovers might adopt a stray. Swindon magistrates

were told. Coleman, a retired profes sional violinist, had taken books over eight years from Phillips House in south Wiltshire during annual music courses. He had also stolen books worth nearly £1,000 from other country houses. libraries and shops around

Richard Griffiths, for the defence, said that, while Coleman had amassed most of his big collection legitimately. "unfortunately he could not look at an old book without feeling a need to care for it".

Many of the books at Phillips House were in a poor condition and it all started when he removed some for inspection. He had a number of them restored but then could not return them.

Mr Griffiths said: "The comparison is with the sort of person who comes across a stray dog that hasn't been cared for, takes it in, but then gets attached to it and realises that he shouldn't have taken it in the first place."

The thefts came to light

when Coleman and his wife moved to a smaller house and tried to sell his entire collection

Coleman, of Lacock, Wiltshire, who admitted theft and deception, was fined £1,750. Some books had been recovered but he was ordered to pay £3.469 compensation to the National Trust, owner of Phillips House, and £3,555 to a bookseller and other losers.

# Paisley celebrates **Elvis MacPresley**

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

QUEEN VICTORIA could soon be deposed by the King if Elvis Presley fans in Paisley are successful in their plans to commemorate the town's newly discovered descendant.

A proposal to replace the Queen's 50-year-old statue outside the town hall with a life-sized model of the gyrating Presley is one of the suggestions put forward after it emerged last month that one of his forebears was a Paisley blacksmith who emigrated in 1745. Presley's Scottish roots were disclosed by Bill Burk. an American, in his new book. Early Elvis: The Tupelo Years.

Debate has reached such a pitch that Jim Mitchell, an SNP councillor and Elvis fan. will suggest to Renfrewshire council tomorrow that a crossparty Elvis Presley subcommittee be set up in an effort to come to a decision. He believes that Paisley should seize its golden opportunity to promote itself as "true Elvis country". Ending Queen Victoria's reign in the town centre was something "worth consider-ing", he added. Less controversial options include twin-

ning Paisley with Memphis.
But the Elvis link has not pleased everyone. Nancy Allison, the council provost, said that deposing Queen Victoria would make the town a laughing stock. Another councillos said: "It is like replacing the Trafalgar Square lions with the Spice Girls. The whole thing's ridiculous."

# Cambridge pays a rare honour to woman graduate after 80-year wait

AT THE age of 104 Molly Maxwell can finally put BA Hons" after her name - 80 years after sitting her finals at Cambridge. Wearing a black gown, she was presented with her degree during celebrations mark her birthday

Mrs Maxwell left Newnham College in 1917, when ours certificate. They were not allowed to receive degrees and become members of the university until 1948.

Mrs Maxwell, who read German and English, is thought to be Cambridge's oldest living graduate. "It's a great surprise. I'll hang it on the wall. I worked very hard for it," she said after receiving the degree from Dr Gillian



Mrs Maxwell as a student and on her birthday yesterday

Sutherland, a fellow of the

Champagne corks popped during the ceremony, after which Dr Sutherland said: "Today we have completed the



process properly. It is very

good to see the translation of this hard-earned certificate." Women who graduated before 1948 can apply to translate their certificate to a degree.

year when staff at Mrs Maxwell's nursing home in Golders Green, north London. decided to do something special for their oldest resident. Mrs Maxwell's husband who died about 30 years ago

was a graduate of Trinity College, Cambridge, as was one of her sons.

Her daughter Margaret, a graduate of Oxford, watched the ceremony yesterday. Miss Maxwell, 74, said: "It has been very overwhelming for mother, but we are very pleased for

Mrs Maxwell was also pre sented with a silk scarf which is based on part of the ceiling in Newnham College library. The limited edition silk scarf was a gift from the college.

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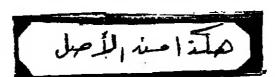
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Fire report attacks errors, delays and management weaknesses, but spares wagon design

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# Tunnel inquiry is criticised over open-sided trains

duce a wide range of Channel Tunnel safety checks and new equipment before being allowed to restart the freight shuttle service suspended after last year's fire.

A critical report into the tunnel fire listed a string of errors, avoidable delays and management weaknesses by the Channel Tunnel operators that were exposed by last November's blaze.

However, the long-awaited report itself came under attack for failing to recommend the abolition of trains that have been widely criticised for enabling fire and fumes to

spread more quickly.

John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, was among those voicing fears over the open-sided trains. Fire service leaders also said that closed carriages, such as those used on the car shuttle, were

The report by the Channel Tunnel Safety Authority expresses concern at the speed at which fire spread through the freight train. But it does not meet firefighters' demands for closed wagons to be made compulsory.

Mr Prescott, who oversees the Transport Department, voiced his fears about the design of the wagons and

derail. Eurotunnel says that it **Arthur Leathley** could not run a freight service reports on with closed wagons, as used continuing fears on car shuttles. The wide-ranging criticisms about the safety

Tunnel freight shuttle service will be aired when the French and British Governments de-

of the Channel

"I know there are concerns, which I share, regarding the design of the freight wagons and Eurotunnel's operation procedures for them," he said. The Inter-Governmental Commission [the Anglo-French body administering the tunnel will be considering these points and I shall be instructing the UK's representative to reflect my concerns."

cide on resumption of freight

shuttle services.

The design of freight trains using the tunnel has conmany fire service including Jeremy Beech, the Kent county fire officer who is a member of the safety authority. He repeated his anxieties yesterday, although he acknowledged that there were other safety worries attached to having closed

Safety experts have given

A lorry leaving one of Eurotunnel's lattice-style wagons. Many fire service chiefs want closed containers

fumes through much of the freight shuttle train. Although the fire seriously damaged 600 metres of tunnel and took more than nine hours to control, the report states that it could have been far more serious if the blaze had broken out at the front of the train. week from a French judicial

inquiry team.

Yesterday's 68-page report published in English and

French says that the safety

procedures were hindered by

over-complex emergency pro-

cedures and inadequately-

trained staff. The authority

The highly critical report levels charges at the highest management levels at Eurotunnel and demands a list of improvements before heavygoods vehicles will be allowed to resume their use of its

contained in the report will

force Eurotunnel to introduce

many safety changes before it

is allowed to resume the freight shuttle service sus-

Eurotunnel hopes to begin

trial freight services before

restarting its commercial ser-

vice next month. However, the

safety authority said yesterday

that it would advise against

resumption of the service un-

less Eurotunnel agreed to

implement the main recom-

mendations. The authority

will advise the Anglo-French

commission, which will decide

whether to allow the freight

The safety authority report said that the battle to save

passengers' lives during the

Channel Tunnel blaze was

disrupted by confusion, man-

agement weakness and staff

inexperience. Breakdowns in

communication, inadequate training and failure to treat the fire seriously led to serious

delays as members of staff

tried to cope with the first major incident to hit the

The fire broke out after a

lorry entering the tunnel from

France caught light, leading to a rapid spread of smoke and

service to restart.

pended after the fire.

on November 18 exposed "fun-

led to 30 lorry drivers needing authority had earlier passed hospital treatment after being procedures as adequate. A trapped in a fume-filled separate report into the cause of the fire is expected later this

Although security staff re-ported flames up to 6ft high on the freight shuttle train as it entered the tunnel, five out of the first six fire detectors in the tunnel gave only unconfirmed train did not give ah early:

repetition of an incident that immediate warning of what also entered by other means,

was a significant developing fire". Further communication problems occurred as the fire worsened and rail control centre staff were "submerged in an overload of information and alarms". These staff failed to halt other trains in the tunnel to lessen the spread of

smoke and fumes . alarms, and detectors on their it Smoke trentered the chib The report comments that de strain opened the door mistress will be the for the ashes of Keith Narey.

although Eurotannel has de-nied that smoke had entered through the ventilation The costs of repairing the

tunnel have exceeded 50 mil-lion. Transport industry for coach on the train, where the making even almost all merchests: believed An annual cricket long drivers sit, site the chart have liber and even been suiter safe at by a match will be held to compete

# Driver gave • underwater kiss of life

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Ross Davies, 18, kept alive his friend Liam Coffey, 16, who was trapped in a car under water, by repeatedly diving down and blowing air into his mouth. Mr Davies, of Stanway, near Colchester, the driver, and another friend escaped when the car overhimed into a lost ditch. He said the incident must have lasted 15 minutes. "I kent going down, holding his nose and breathing into his mouth." Liam was finally pelled out with the help of passers by.

### School shooting

A boy aged II was arrested after a pupil at a school in Salford, near Manchester, was shot in the leg with an airgun pellet. The victim, also IL was in the grounds of St Edmunds Roman Catholic Primary School The pellet was removed in hospital

### Royal Navy first

The Royal Navy has appoint Rev Charles E. Stewart, of the Church of Scotland, as director-general of its chap-laincy service. He will be the first non-Anglican to fill the HWS Hermes during Falklands war.

# Pollution charges The Environment Agency is to proceed with criminal charges arising out of the Sez Entpress oil spill last year in

which 120 miles of Weish coastine were pelluted. On legal advice, the agency has not yet named the defendants or charges

# Football A-level

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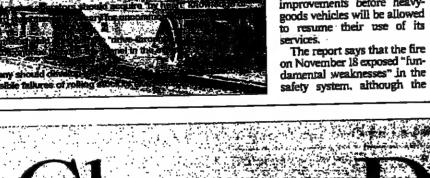
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Somerset Maugham would be amused that the hormonal key to eternal youth is now sought by more women than men. Seventy years ago, he believed that an extract of the testes of lambs and monkeys would keep him vigorous, and in his case may have helped

him to live to a great age.
The concept of maintaining youthful vigour through hor-



Mangham: long-lived

accepted by conventional medicine with the advent of hormone replacement thera-py. HRT does protect the bones, arteries, heart, genita-lia, and possibly the brain, from some of the effects of ageing. Likewise in men, tes-

tosterone, used carefully in selected patients, and with full checks to make certain that these patients show no early signs of possible malignant change in their prostate, preserve masculine drive.

Pregnenolone is a hormone related to the female hormones and to testosterone: when it was first used in modern medicine it was limited by its androgenising effects. The use of one related preparation was particularly worry ing when given to pregnant women: it was found that female babies born to the suffer from significant changes in their sexual organs, and had an increased risk of abnormalities of the

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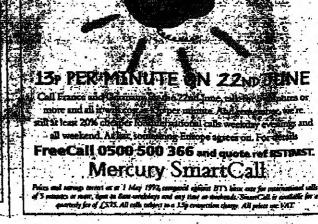
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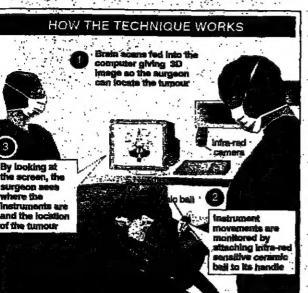
# Virtual reality brain makes surgery safer

BRAIN surgery in Britain will be revolutionised by a "virtual reality" technique that will operable tumours, the man who is introducing the system.

aid yesterday. The £180,000 system; which about 30 patients at the Institute of Neurosciences in Glasgow, is the first of its kind in Britain. There are 70 in use portable machine was described by Garth Cruickshank, his instruments are inside the

introducing it, as "the most important breakthrough in the field for decades". The Neuronavigation

tern, designed by BrainLab in infra-red cameras which track tiny ceramic balls attached to surgical instruments. The images are relayed to a computer. screen programmed with three-dimensional images of the patient's brain taken from scans. As the surgeon oper-ares, the screen shows where



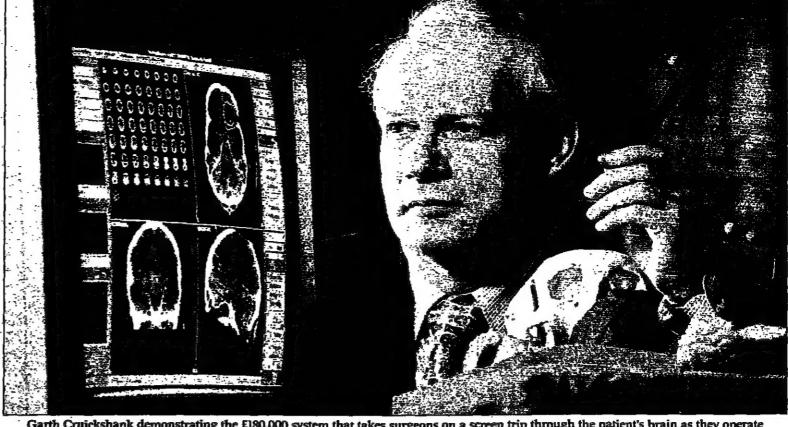
the consultant neurosurgeon brain and gives a clear image of the tumour, allowing much more accurate removal.

The machine can give a scalpel a "virtual" tip, allowing the surgeon to rehearse the operation and to ensure that he does not damage structures in the brain as he works. Mr Cruickshank is leaving

the Southern General Hospital, where the institute is based, in July to become Professor of Neurosurgery at Birmingham University, where he hopes to introduce the system. He said the technique meant much smaller incisions in the head, shorter recovery times and safer surgery. He said it was as easy to use

as a computer game. He joked that neurosurgeons have poor powers of concentration. - it has to be simple, straight-forward and reliable." He believes the 5 per cent morbidity rate - the incidence of damage - associated with neurosurgery could be improved by up to 15 per cent by

"One of the problems of neurosurgery is that the brain, when it is diseased, becomes extremely distorted." Mr Cruickshank said. "The huge advantage of this new piece of equipment is that it enables you to look at the pathology as you are operating on it. Not



Garth Cruicksbank demonstrating the £180,000 system that takes surgeons on a screen trip through the patient's brain as they operate

rate, but you can get to bits of the brain you weren't able to get to safely before. You can also use much smaller open-

ings into the skull.
"As well as allowing us to do new operations, it is going to make many of the routine things we do in neurosurergy. such as putting in catheters or draining cysts, much safer, quicker and easier."

The first patient to be operated on in Britain with the technique was Stewart Gilchrist, 43, the former chief investment manager of Scot-

who is married and lives in Strathblane, suffers from a recurrent brain tumour which was discovered after he crashed his car during an epileptic fit on New Year's

Day, 1993. The first operation was carried out using conventional techniques and a tumour the size of an orange was removed. After a second epileptic fit and car crash in November last year, Mr Gilchrist was told that his tumour had recurred. He was operated on in December usCruickshank said that it was particularly useful in Mr Gilchrist's case because the previous surgery had distorted the brain and made it more difficult for surgeons to find their way around. The margins of his tumour

were much clearer on the computer screen, making it more likely the turnour has been entirely removed. A third operation, if needed, would be possible with the new technique but much more difficult using conventional methods. Mr Gilchrist said that his

geons did not have to manipulate his head as much. The second operation took two hours, compared with three and a half for the first.

"I was very pleased to be the recipient of such an advanced technique," Mr Gilchrist said. "Before the operation you have attachments put on your head making you look like a small sputnik. But during the operation things went much the same as before as far as I am concerned." He is on a course of chemotherapy to



# Would-be padre produced gun in pub

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A THEOLOGY student who hoped to become an Army padre was jailed for two years yesterday for producing a pistol in a crowded pub during a women's dominoes match. Players dived for the floor when one woman noticed Robert Bamford-Stewart loading the weapon

and shouted a warning.

Bamford-Stewart, 46, who was wear ing a clerical collar, produced the pistol after a row with regulars over whether he was a priest. One man tried to disarm him and the two then grappled at the bar with the gun between them until Barnford-Stewart was forced to the floor.

ing a firearm with intent to cause fear of violence. Yesterday he appeared for sentence at Bradford Crown Court.

The incident happened in April last year when Bamford-Stewart, a student at Lampeter College in Wales, called in at the Crown pub in Normanton, near Wakefield, where customers recognised him from a previous visit when he had blessed them. One drinker accused him of not being a real vicar.

Bamford-Stewart then drew a .8 pistol from a case, put ammunition in the magazine and let it rest on his thigh. Philip Wright, another drinker, wrestled him to the ground, holding him face down until

told police he had bought the gun the same day "to test if his faith was compatible with firearms". He had fired it on Morecambe beach. He claimed he was merely showing off the gun at the pub in an "innocent display". The gun can fire blanks only.

Jailing him, Recorder James Allen, QC, told Bamford-Stewart that, despite his explanation that he was considering becoming an Army padre and wished to test his religious beliefs, "you must have known that, by producing that firearm, you would produce fear, maybem and panic on the part of the other customers". Mr Wright was awarded £150 from public funds for his bravery in tackling

# Drivers put at risk by road-sign thieves

BY DAREH GREGORIAN

GANGS are stealing road signs to sell for scrap, putting motorists' lives at risk, the AA said yesterday.

The theft of the aluminium signs, some of which are worth £5,000, is costing councils hundreds of thousands of pounds a year. "We have had reports around the country of people posing as maintenance workers who have stripped entire routes of their signs. It is very difficult to police," an AA spokesman, Steve Upsher,

a maintenance worker, with an orange jacket and a van, it's Hampshire and the Mid-

lands are the areas hardest hit by the gangs, Mr Upsher said. Basingstoke, £70,000 worth of signs was stolen in one run. In one instance in the Midlands, thieves stole every other chevron sign from the motorway roundabout. In East Anglia, a complete bridge parapet was stolen. The number of signs stolen last year runs into the thousands."

Kevin Delaney, traffic and

RAC, said: "Aluminium has a high resale value and it is easy to get. If you are going to nick it, it's easy to carry, and the fort." He said that, posing as maintenance workers. gangs would attract little attention. It was not impossible "that a great number of police

cars have driven past them without knowing it". Paul Watters, head of road and transport policy at the AA. said that the thefts could have deadly consequences. "Signs. are a vital part of the road

Warning signs and chevrons on bends are particularly important and can be lifesavers. Taking them away can present a real hazard, especially for drivers who are unfamiliar with a certain route."

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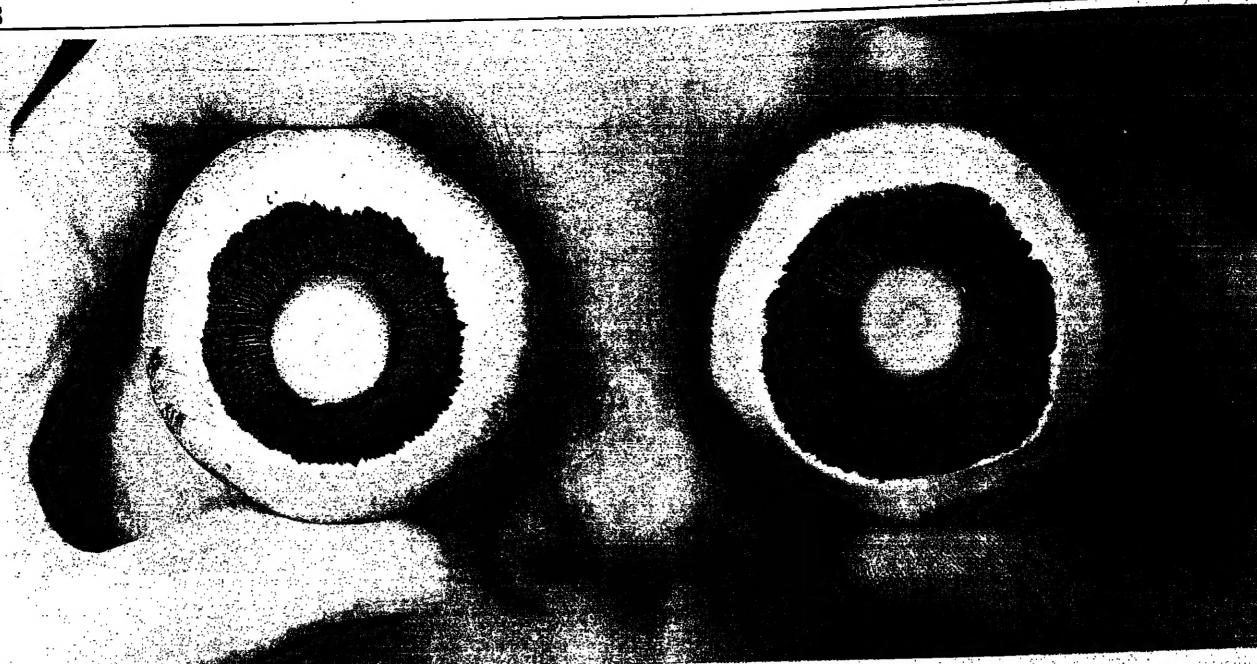
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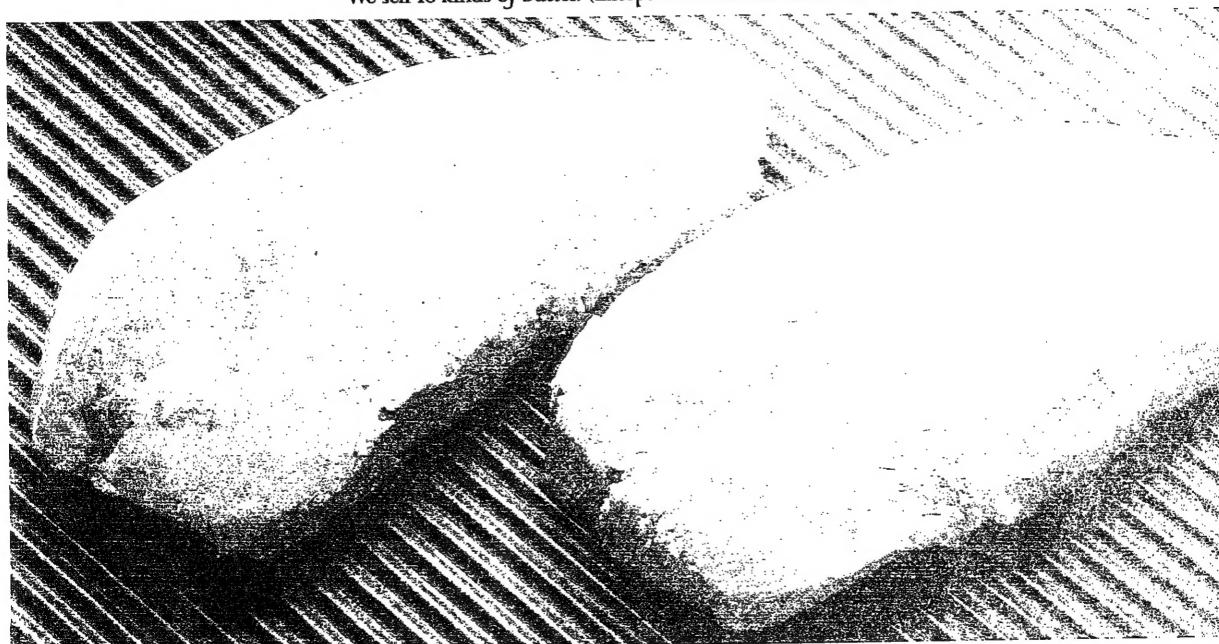
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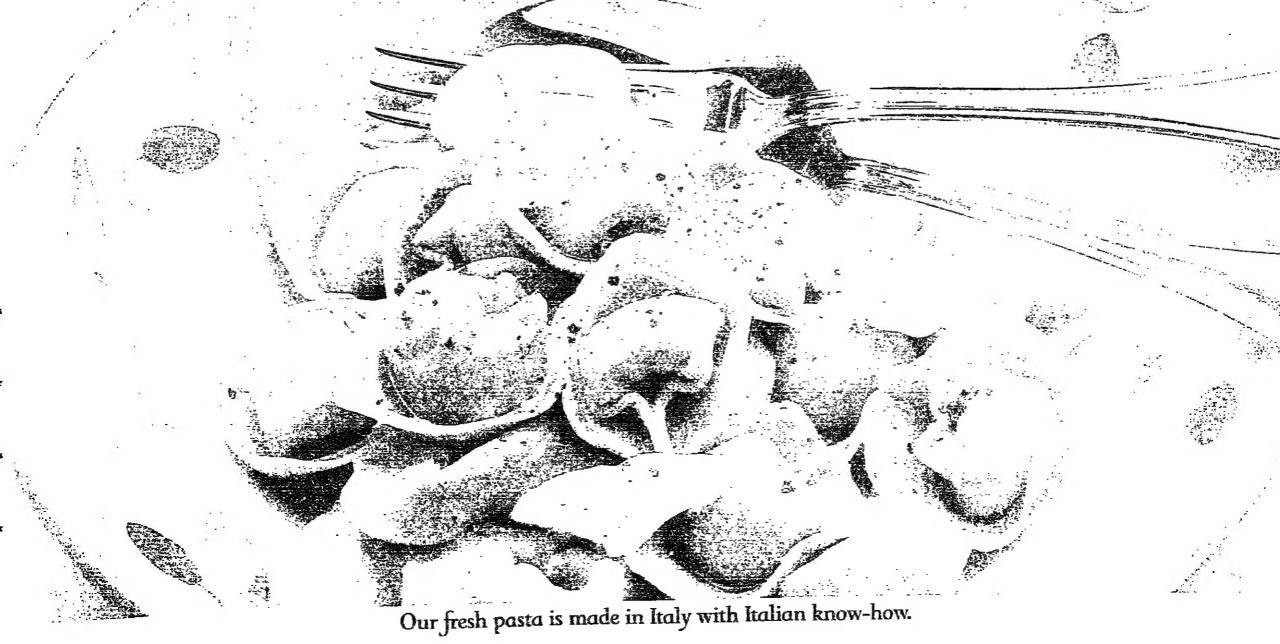
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# Commons may go horseshoe-shape But because those benches are

By POLLY NEWTON POLITICAL REPORTER

CHANGES to the layout of the House of Commons chamber are being discussed after Labour's landslide victory left the party with twice as many MPs as the Government

benches can accommodate. One option is to extend the green benches so that they meet in the middle at one end to form a horseshoe shape. That would allow greater flexibility as well as creating more erated by rows of Government MPs facing the Opposition ranks across "no man's land". Labour has 419 MPs fight-ing for space in a chamber with enough seats in total for 420 people. It is the largest Government force since 1931. when 470 Tory MPs were lected and they had to share

the Opposition benches. Some new Labour MPs have already identified as a possible home the small cross enches, which run at right angles to the main seating at the end of the chamber, furthest away from the Speaker.

behind the white line on the carpet which marks the "bar" of the House — the technical boundary of the chamber anyone sitting there cannot be called to speak during

Possible solutions to the problem are expected to be the next few months. The sixstrong body, chaired by the Speaker, is responsible for all. domestic arrangements in the Commons. If the commission tion, it would almost certainly put the matter before the The division of the chamber

into two sides facing each other is said to date from the 16th century, when members used as their meeting room St Stephen's Chapel in the old monks had sat in two rows of choir stalls on either side of the altar, an arrangement which has been retained to this day.

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By NIGEL HAWKES

THE first pictures taken by

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ble space telescope have excit-

ed astronomers with images of

dying stars and a black hole at

the centre of a nearby galaxy.

The telescope was upgraded in February. One of the new instruments, the Near-Infra-Spectrometer (Nicmos), took pictures of an exploding star and of a region in the Orion hopes that it can be saved. nebula where new stars are

Seen from Earth, the Orion nebula is relatively dim and featureless, but the Hubble telescope unmasked a chaotic region where massive young stars hurl material into the surrounding molecular cloud. Stars and glowing dust, heat-ed by intense starlight, appear yellow-orange.
The second new instrument,

the imaging spectrograph, has produced the best pictures yet of events around a black hole in the galaxy M84, which is 50 light years away.

The spectrograph can detect the movement of gas, dust and stars either towards or away from the Earth. The image. like a jagged line, shows that light from one side of the galaxy's centre is shifted far to the blue end of the spectrum, while on the other side it is shifted far to the red.

This means that the material must be whirling around the galactic centre at speeds of 400 kilometres per second. Only a black hole with a mass 300 times that of the Sun could whisk the material around so fast, Nasa scientists said. Tempering the good news

for scientists is that one of the two new instruments is likely to last only two years. It needs to be cooled by the evapora-tion of solid nitrogen. It appears that the nitrogen has expanded more than expected and pushed a third camera out of focus. The gas is also leaking into space, reducing the instrument's effective life. To compensate, more of the observing time on Hubble will be devoted to Nicmos over the next 18 months, twice as much

ONE of Britain's rarest creatures, the ladybird spider, has been bred in captivity by entomologists from English Nature. Until recently only 30 or so of the spiders survived. at a single area of Dorset heathland near Wareham. Now, thanks to the restoration of the site to its original conditions, numbers are rising again.
The successful captive

breeding of the spider — only the second time this is known to have been achieved - raises

Dr Roger Key, of English Nature, said: "We're delighted to announce the birth of a whole clutch of spiderlings. We now have to see if we can rear them to adulthood. If we can do this successfully we will then try to breed spiders from the Dorset population for release in Britain.

The spider is one of the most striking of native species, but it does not get out much. The lives all her life in her burrow. while the smaller but more brilliantly coloured male appears only for a couple of weeks in May, during the breeding season. The females lay up to 80 eggs in a cocoon and nurse them until they hatch in July or August. The mothers feed the young on regurgitated food and, in a terminal act of devotion, die to give them a

The males, with a half-inchlong body, are almost equally reclusive, apart from their May outing. The increase in the species has been aided by a volunteer entomologist who has acted as a dating agency. Dr Key says. He has ensured that roaming males have all found their way to the burrow entrance of a waiting female. ensuring that all the females had a chance to breed.

That has helped to increase numbers to more than a hundred last summer, and further aid has come from Forest Enterprise, which has cleared encreaching pine and rhododendron from the site, no bigger than a football pitch, where the spiders live. By restoring the sandy heathland, clothed with heather, the spider has been given a helping hand.

The British population is far too small to risk any experispiders were brought over from a nature reserve in Jutland, in Denmark. The only previous record of success was reported by the late Gerald Durrell, the author and conservationist, who managed to raise offspring from a female he found as a boy on Corfu. Ian Hughes, of Dudley Zoo, brought nine females and a

Eight of the females were already pregnant, while the ninth duly mated with the spare male. All produced eggs. We have no idea how many there are, but we know they are there because, when we put out food, they take it," Dr Key says. The worry was whether we could get them

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The male emerges for only a few weeks a year

through the winter, which they spend entirely in the burrow. We just didn't know if it would be too damp, too dry. too hot, or too cold, but it seems to have worked out

There is no plan to release the Danish spiders into the wild, but they may be distributed to zoos so that people can see them. The experience from raising them in captivity will be used to do the same with the Dorset population, with the ultimate aim of recolonising other areas in Dorset. and regions such as Cornwall and the Isle of Wight, which once had populations.

Between 1906 and 1979 the ladybird spider was believed to be extinct in Britain. Then the Dorset site was found, but it appears to be the only one.

# Blunkett takes a lesson from Swiss on teaching 3Rs

By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

drawn from Britain's global competitors will be added to traditional classroom practice to raise standards in mathematics and literacy, the Government said yesterday. Children will also be discouraged from using calculators until they are eight.

David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secre-tary, said teachers could learn from Switzerland and Taiwan, where children performed far better in reading, writing and

Such a move could lead to more children being held back a year in primary school so they learn with pupils of their own ability rather than their age - as in Switzerland. where up to a quarter of their age group. Or, as in Taiwan, children could be taught in whole class groups with extra help given at lunchtime or after school to those who struggled to keep up. Mr Blunkett said the Gov-

ernment wanted a revamp of teaching methods to ensure that, by 2002, 75 per cent of 11-year-olds were reaching expected levels of numeracy and 80 per cent in literacy. In last summer's national curriculum tests, results showed 55 per cent and 57 per cent of 11rear-olds respectively were at

Mr Blunkett formally estab-lished a Numeracy Task Force to report in November on strategies to achieve the targets, mirroring the Literacy Task Force which reported while Labour was in Opposi-

# Multiple ways to learn times tables

PARENTS should encourage their children to chant their times tables and play games to learn the basics of mathematics, a government adviser said yesterday (David Charter

Number games were just as helpful as parrot-fashion recitals, and parents and teachers should make mathe-Straker, director of the National Numeracy Project and a member of the numeracy task force. She said children should be challenged to think about numbers. Multiplica-tion tables could be recited backwards as well as for-wards, or started in different

Mrs Straker said: "It is really important that children know their tables, but variety is important in mathematics because, if you do things one way, when you meet different circumstances you might be. unable to adapt. Children also need to be taught strategies

School lessons should end by revising the most difficult facts covered, she said.

"If the most difficult one to remember was that six sevens are 42, then you go round the class asking children to say the answer in the voice of an elephant, or a cat, or mouse. By the time you have gone round the class like that,

children will remember it." Number games are an important part of a strategy developed by Peter Lacey, a former official with the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, now a schools adviser in Lincolnabire.

Children are expected to learn their tables at home so they can use their skills for connetitions in class. For example, the number 1997 will be written on the board and pupils challenged to make the most combinations totalling 20 or less from the individual digits through addition, subtraction, multiplication and

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headed by Professor David Reynolds, of the University of Newcastle, whose has extensively studied mathematic teaching in the Far East. Professor Reynolds said schools would have to reverse

inspectors' judgments that mathematics for seven to Ilyear-olds was the "least well taught and least interesting subject at those crucial ages. He added: "We have major

problems as a country in the area of numeracy. For the first time in the last few years, there will be a genuine scientific attempt to review the evidence, from this country and abroad and from practitioners in schools, about what

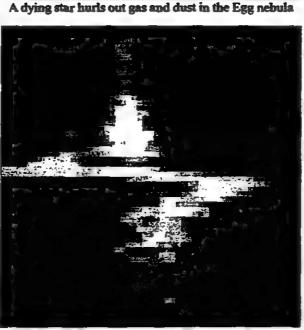
The "interactive" whole class teaching he studied in Taiwan had already been used effectively in the London borough of Barking & Dagen-ham, he said. Children's desks are in a double horseshoe shape in class, so they are all facing the teacher, and can be called on at any time to answer questions or take over

the lesson for a few minutes. Parents found it easier in other countries to help children at home, he said, because lessons were set out in manuals they could buy. The task force would consider manuals for teachers which would help

parents in this way.

Mr Blunkett hinted that there would be less use of calculators for children aged five to seven. "It is vital children understand that calculators exist, but also that they have the basic tools of calculation themselves - including mental arithmetic.'

Teachers' leaders welcomed the targets but said that they could not be achieved without more resources. David Hart. general secretary of the Natlonal Association of Head Teachers, said: "We are very supportive of the idea of a national numeracy drive. The targets are tough, and they can only be achieved if primary schools are given more support than they were under the last Government."



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could be disrupted over a wide area." Seismic guns produce short pulses of loud noise. The echoes identify areas suitable for oil drilling. It is believed that cetaceans move away when seismic are home to 21 species of cetaceans. Mark testing starts, but it is feared that they will Simmonds, head of special projects at the not be able to avoid the noise because

many different areas will be explored

during the summer. A statement signed by 18 experts said that sperm whales could be at special risk because they dived deep and stayed down a long time, increasing the risk that the guns would be fired directly above them. The Government has issued guidelines to oil companies to protect cetaceans, but the society is not convinced that they are adhered to strictly.

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# Jospin makes a meal of election campaign

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Ben Macintyre takes to the road with France's self-confessed Blairite Socialist leader, but finds little to remind him of new Labour's election campaign

LIONEL JOSPIN, leader of France's Socialist Party and self-styled Blairite, his the election trail in Burgundy yesterday with a menu that could hardly have been further removed from the spartan rigours of the victorious Labour campaign.

We began with terrine and local cheeses arranged in brioches, A small mountain of quiches, petits fours, cold meats and fresh rolls followed and finally, a glistening array stop outside Chalon-sur-Saone, south of Dijon, was washed down with a most acceptable Bourgogne Côte Chalonnaise 95 and an unimpeachable Montagny Premier

Having spent several weeks on the Blair campaign buses living off damp sandwiches. Mars bars and adrenalin. I had hoped to find a more civilised approach to cam-paigning by the French Left, but still the political culture shock was profound. By contrast with the frenetic pace of the Blair innerary, the Jospin campaign appeared quaintly old-fashioned in its lack of

That, say critics, is precisely the problem with the French Socialist Party and the principal reason why the Left now seems unlikely to do more than slim down the centreright parliamentary majority when votes are counted on June I.

So far from reforming itself in the Blairite mould, the French Socialist Party remains largely unreconstructed, and has even lurched back to the left to accommodate a testy alliance with the Communists. Where the Blair team was evidently and palpably hungry for power, the Jospin team appeared more ubvinusly, well, hungry. I cannot remember the

Blair entourage missing an appointment on its slug around Britain by more than a few minutes. By the time the Jospin bus — a somewhat frumpy and cramped answer to the gleaming Blair caval-cade — chugged into Chalonsur-Saone, it was about an hour behind schedule. There would not be time, an untroubled aide explained, to visit a nearby factory and meet the



M Jospin's message may prove indigestible for voters, but his diet outshines Tony Blair's spartan campaign fare

enioy, for an hour and a half. the splendid local produce. The Saone-et-Loire region.

next government. No whiff of the Clinton-Blair style of electioneering has reached Burlong a bastion of the Right, is gundy. There was no flagwaving, no hail-the-chief territory the Left must conmusic, no scrambling for

or slogans — only a handful of discreet posters. Where the Blair spin-doctors bit their nails and scolded, their French counterparts placidly smoked cheroots.

dour aspect of a harried headmaster, appeared remotely nervous. He cheered up visibly when offered two bottles of vintage wine. M Jospin has made much larities with new Labour, but his promise to create 700,000 jobs (half in the public sector) and to cut the working week
without explaining how he will pay for them - are straight out of the manual of Socialist orthodoxy.

At yesterday's convivial get-together, six local candidates and a handful of left-wing notables, but no members of the public, clustered round the party leader. Not all were toeing the party line.

This is the last breath of Manusm," said Bernard Kouchner, the founder of the medical charity Médecins sans Frontières and once the rising star of the Left. M Kouchner is still mightily peeved not to have been awarded a safe seat in this election or, indeed, any constituency. They all rejected. me, now they are asking for my support." he grumbled.
The comparisons with Tony

Blair, he said, were ridiculous: "We haven't changed. We need to modernise, to invent a sort of liberal humanist socialism of the sort I have been practising for 30

Signs of fresh ideas, or fresh faces, at "lunch with Lionel" were few. But one such was Arnaud Montebourg, the young Paris lawyer who has carried out a legal crusade over the housing corruption scandals that have tainted the Gaullist leadership. His clean-shaven energy seemed addly out of place

tremes of facial hair now considered passé in new Labcurfe kinsh as rel

our circles. Finally M Jospin rose to speak and carefully enumerated the qualities of the local candidate. It was a solid, but

colourless, performance. "On va gagner!" someone shouted. M Jospin seemed surprised.

Despite what appeared to be a healthy and growing momentum in the opening stages of the campaign, M Jospin has so far failed to galvanise a grumpy electorate although the Government remains deeply unpopular. His altered stance on Europe campaigning against new austerity measures to bring down the deficit in time for economic and monetary union - has divided his supporters and provided ammunition for the Right, which is demanding to know how openly Eurosceptic Communists would fit into a still essentially pro-European So-

cialist government.

There is no doubting M. Jospin's honesty or grit, as was shown in his 95 campaign for President, but he clearly faces his own critical deficit, of charisma and

inspiration. As the glasses clinked in the Alfred Jarreau half and the minutes ticked pleasantly away, the harsh vigour and bright lights of the Labour campaign seemed a world away. New Labour, new Brit-

# Cook rejects EU military role

EUROPE got its first taste of the reality of new Labour's defence policy yesterday as Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, and George Robertson, the Defence Secretary. told a meeting of Western European Union ministers here that Britain would not after its policy in opposing any move to bring defence under the wing of the Euro-

pean Union. If some members of the tennation WEU were hoping for a change of policy from the new Government, they were disappointed. Labour is no different from the Tories in ny's desire to merge the WEU and Nato. We need to find the

FROM SUSAN BELL IN PARIS into the EU to make it the

Unjon's "military arm". Mr Robertson emphasised

the Government's commitment to Nato. "It exists and it works and it has a track record as an instrument of European defence. We must be careful not to do anything which would repordise or undermine Nato's considerable success," he said, There is no need for

Europe to create new institutions. What we have to do is to use the existing ones more effectively." he said.

But he said he believed that the WEU played "a crucial role as a pivot between the EU

best way to use scarce defence resources without duplication." Mr Robertson added: "We would not wish to see a situation arise in which the WEU became the military arm of the EU."

The two British ministers emphasised that defence cooperation would remain an inter-governmental issue and that any joint actions between the WEU and the EU must be decided through consensus rather than by a majority vote. Security and defence are matters that intimately touch upon the identity of a nation state," Mr Cook said.

Photograph, page 24



Cook at WEU meeting in Paris yesterday

# Britain could ride to Bonn's rescue over single currency

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

GERMANY is nervously heading for its moment of truth on the European single currency. Tax revenue esti-mates for 1997 will be announced tomorrow and will make plain whether Bonn still stands a realistic chance of dearing the public deficit hurdle for the euro.

Bonn is on edge. Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister. is beginning to look like Gary Cooper in High Noon. Officials close to him say he has started to become snappy, his joshing manner a thing of the .

The fact is Herr Waigel has built himself a cage. He re-peatedly stresses that the Maastricht ceiling on the public-sector deficit — 3 per cent of gross domestic product - has to be met precisely, and claims that Germany will be on target with 29 per cent. He also stresses that the euro will be as strong as the mark. Because all the calculations go awry if the growth figure is wrong, he continues to insist that German growth will be with the Opposition over tax up by 2.5 per cent this year.
The tax assessors, who have

been in conclave since yesterday, are set to confound these sums. Average unemployment for 1997 is likely to be 4.2 million and every 100,000 extra jobs lost costs the state around DM3 billion (El.1 billion) in further social welfare cuts is additional payments with lost limited; the Social Democrats

reform, including the pessible raising of VAT and a slight rise in petrol tax.

If tax rises are to make sense they have to be part of an package that cuts labour costs and makes Germany more competitive. But the scope for

That would allow Britain time to adjust, could take into account any uncertainties from a change of French Government, and would give time for Germany to hit the

entry criter To make it work, there will have to be complex and early negotiations not only between the three larger countries but which have been straining to reach the EMU target for 1997, countries who will scent a conspiracy. The political combeginning to realise, are the problems in meeting the 1997

three big players - Germany.

announce next year their det-

ermination to start a monetary

union together, but recognise

that the wheels cannot roll

before 2000 or 2001.

### 6 Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, is beginning to look like Gary Cooper in High Noon 9

tax on top of that. That means gaping hole of around DMIO billion in the budget. Some economic analysts say the shortfall should be as much as DM20 billion.

The Government has very few options available. Even deeper public spending cuts could trigger serious industri-al unrest. The Government is stuck in boggy negotiations

its Madrid summit in July.

Nato has already said it has

no plans or intention to deploy nuclear weapons or per

manent forces in these countries, but has refused to

make a legally binding

Western diplomats and

Russian observers say Russia

has accepted that it will get no

further major concessions, but is anxious to be seen to be

striking a hard bargain for

Communist and nationalist

ready accused Mr Yeltsin of

selling out to the West and

sacrificing Russia's national

General Aleksandr Lebed. one of the President's most

persistent critics since he was

sacked as his security chief

last year, added his voice to

the hubbuh yesterday de-

scribing the proposed agree-

paper. But he conceded that

Nato expansion did not pose

"I take it calmly," he told

Interfax news agency. The rich and satisfied never attack

the poor and hungry. Most often, things happen the other

Nato has made it clear that

it will go ahead with its

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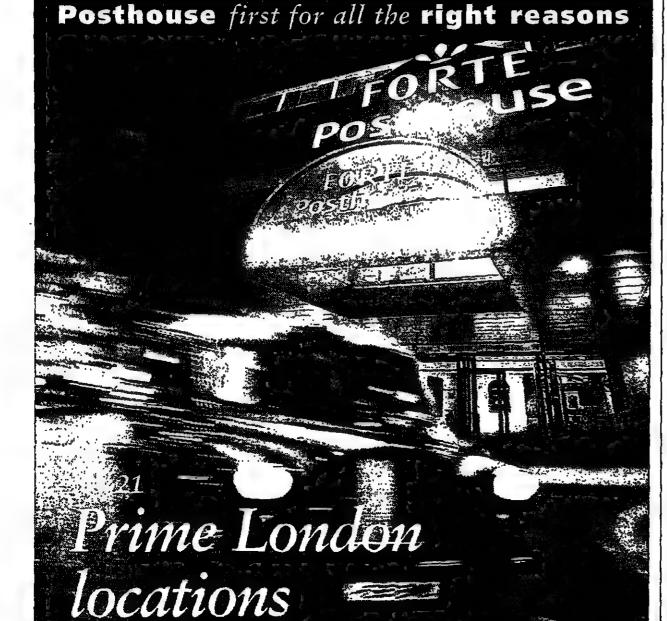
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will not play ball and the unions are becoming restless.

There is an escape route which will make the sums add. up but will also expose Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, to big risks. The talk among government advisers and diplomats is that the European calculus has been changed by the new British Government's declared intention to be one of

aiso with Spain and Portugal, and the smaller European plications of postponement are luge but so, as Germany is targets and guaranteeing sta-bility after the start of monetary union.



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of the talks by expressing the hope that this would be the they are very close to a deal, to get further guarantees from

# Yeltsin invitation to Blair as hopes rise for Nato agreement FROM ROBIN LODGE IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin yesterthe alliance over the deploy-

day telephoned Tony Blair to discuss details of an agreement setting out Russia's rela-tions with Nato, which both sides hope will be ready for signing in Paris on May 27. He also invited the British Prime Minister to visit Moscow, though no date was set. Yeltsin instructed Yevgeni Primakov, the Foreign Minister, to take a tough line at his sixth round of

Javier Solana, the Nato Secre-The Russian President had parlier suggested that he night intervene personally in the talks to assist a successful outcome. But the Kremlin ruled this out yesterday, although it said that Mr Yeltsin was likely to speak to Senor Solana by telephone after the

negotiations on the Nato

agreement last night with

According to the presidential press service. Mr Yeltsin and Mr Blair agreed that the Russia-Nato agreement would be a key element in strengthening European sec-urity and stability.

The Russian President also spoke by telephone to Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, and had a similar conversation with President Chirac of France on Monday.

Mr Primakov struck a cautious note of optimism ahead last round of negotiations before the Paris summit. Officials on both sides say but that Russia is still trying





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# Mobutu loyalists call on citizens to take up arms in defence of threatened capital

# Curfew in Kinshasa as rebels draw near

FROM DAVID ORR IN KINSHASA

dawn curiew in Kinshasa last night and called on its citizens to take up arms as rebels edged closer to the capital. During the curiew, troops

would maintain surveillance over the city's "strategic areas" and open fire on looters, Kin-Keiy Muhumba, the Information Minister, said. There will be identification controls, and the forces of order have been ordered to open fire on anyone pillaging after three summary warnings." he said after a meeting of the national security council.

He said government forces were preparing to defend the capital, and called on civilians to take up arms against the rebels. "The Zairean Army Forces are determined to defend their just cause and will defend Kinshasa and its environs," Mr Muhumba said.

The Government signals that the population has the legitimate right to defend itself with proportional means to the rebels," he added.

But few preparations have been made so far by Zairean forces for the defence of Kindhass destricts the steady are The Government signals

shasa, despite the steady en-croachment of Laurent Kab-

ila's rebel forces from the east. The curfew was declared in the city after opponents of: President Mobuto called for a ville morte (dead city) strike from today until Friday. There is little in the behav-lour of either the military or

the inhabitants to indicate that the city is under imminent threat of capture by the Alliance of Democratic Forces for

the Liberation of Congo-Zaire.

The elite Presidential Divi-sion has been ordered to fight to the death in defence of Kinshasa, but military observers say that President Mobutu could only rely on the loyalty of half of the unit if an attack was launched on the capital. The number of Garde Civile (National Guard) soldiers who might obey their commanders could be as low as a quarter.

A Western military official in Kinshasa said the Zairean forces had "no loyalty and no training. To defend the capital they would need artillery and engineering equipment. They have some hardware but it hasn't been maintained".

The Zairean Army officially numbers 140,000 men, but analysts believe 75,000 would be more realistic. Less than



Zairean commandos run through streets of Kinshasa as part of their daily routine. Talks today to avert a rebel attack hold the last chance for peace

half of the 30,000 government troops in Kinshasa are be-lieved to be still in their units the rest have deserted.

"You really wouldn't think an armed force is marching on the city," a military attaché at a Western embassy said. "Irs quite bizarre by any military standards. The army commanders are like ostriches,

know what's facing them. would need to go out of the city and launch a pre-emptive There is no sense of planning."
The lack of defensive meastrike. But there is no sign of sures being taken points to the this happening."
With the rebel force reportsteady degree of disintegration

which has affected all eleedly less than 100 miles from ments of the armed forces the capital, it seems that only a since the rebels launched their insurgency last year. The army is a shambles," the overthrow of Mr Mobutu. attaché said. "To forestall the

army would have no option uled for today, are widely seen as the last chance for peace. The United States has already advised its citizens to leave the country and Britain will fol-

low suit if the talks fail. According to reliable estimates, the rebels could march into Kinshasa within days. invasion of Kinshasa but to fight." But there is growing speculation that the army will capitulate. In eight months of civil war it has engaged the rebel forces on only a few

occasions. The only real resistance to the rebels has been mounted by mercenaries fighting alongside the corrupt and dispirited Zairean Army.

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# Woman seriously wounded as uniformed guerrillas attack UN staff

FROM PETER CAPELLA IN GENEVA

ARMED men in rebel uniforms have attacked staff of the United Nations Children's Fund at their house in eastern Zaire, amid growing concern about hostility towards aid workers in areas held by Laurent Kabila's Alliance for the

At least one of the two international Unicef workers, a woman, was in a serious condition in hospital yesterday after being beaten by five soldiers; in Goma, near the Rwandan border, early on Monday.

Alliance officials told Unicef that the assailants could have been trying to discredit the rebels by wearing their uniforms. But a UN source pointed out that the house was a few hundred yards from local rebel headquarters.

Marie Heuze, a Unicer spokes-

woman in Geneva, said conditions were "not adequate for relief work". The agency had no immediate plans to leave Goma, but there was clearly disquiet. "If we can't work, then we'll have to decide," she said. Fiftytwo malnourished children were kidnapped from a Unicef-funded

hospital in a nearby village two weeks ago, but later released by rebel soldiers. Several robberies have taken place in recent days. The UN said in Geneva yesterday

that it also deplored the way Mr Kabila's rebel alliance had effectively refused entry to an international mission investigating reports of mass killings carried out in eastern were angered by the presence of Roberto Garreton, the UN's special investigator for human rights in Zaire, and set out a series of "unacceptable" conditions.

The UN investigator has repeatedly published witnesses' accounts of mass killings in rebel-held areas. More reports were obtained by the human rights team in Rwanda over if the culture of impunity and the vicious cycle of violence in the region are to be broken," Ralph Zacklin, the acting head of the UN Human Rights Centre, said.

The mission, which includes forensic experts, is due to report to the General Assembly on June 30. But one official said that it had received only passive support from Western

# Island's elite win right to power

FROM DAVID ADAMS

HOMEOWNERS at an exclusive Caribbean island club have won a legal battle with developers who were seeking to close the small resort hotel which provides residents with water and electricity.

On Monday, a judge ordered Arawack, an American company, to keep open its 39-bed hotel at Jumby Bay off the coast of Antigua, Judge Kenneth Benjamin of the High Court of Antigua told Arawack to honour an equity contract with home owners who have invested in the island.

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Residents of Jumby Bay rely on the hotel for power and fresh water, as well as a ferry service between the resort and the mainland. They argued in court that Arawack was obliged to honour a contract with residents who are seeking to preserve the exclusive nature of the island. Arawak, which is 70 per cent owned by John and Harry Mariani, wealthy New York wine distributors, claims the resort is not economically viable. The brothers want to expand the hotel to 100 rooms, turning the island into a more conventional resort.

The homeowners, who include Robin Leach, the broadcaster, the author Ken Follett and his wife. Barbara, the newly-elected Labour MP, and Lord Sainsbury, say they are relieved by the judge's decision but fear the battle

Marianis are now hellbent on closing down the whole island," Peter Swann, the club chairman and retired British businessman, said. A spokesman for Arawack said the company was studying the judge's ruling before mak-

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# Newspaper backs down over CIA drug deal claims

IN A highly publicised correc-tion, a California newspaper has acknowledged that its allegations of CIA involvement in spreading crack cocaine among urban blacks were seriously flawed.

Despite the admission by the San Jose Mercury News. the CIA said yesterday it would continue to investigate the allegations that its agents were linked to drug smuggling.
The newspaper's expose

caused an uproar and led to heated protests by black politicians last August. It alleged that the CIA protected two Nicaraguan drug traffickers who introduced crack to black neighbourhoods of Los Angles and sent millions of dollars in profits back home. The money was to support the Contras, a guerrilla force largely finan-ced by the CIA to fight the Marxist-led Sandinista Gov-

"Crack was virtually unob-tainable in black neigh-bourhoods before members of the ClA's army began bring-ing it into South-Central LA," the series said.

The suggestion was so shocking that John Deutch. then director of the agency. flew to the South-Central area to reassure a crowded town meeting. He was given a

Jerry Ceppos, editor of the Mercury News, assigned seven reporters and editors to reexamine the series before writing that the newspaper's implication about the CIA and the crack explosion was an "over-simplification".

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN

IN NEW YORK

PRESIDENT Clinton will for-

mally apologise on Friday to

the survivors and descendants

of 400 black men who were

used as guinea pigs in a

The "Tuskegee experiment"

- named after the small town

in Alabama where it took

place - was a secret govern-

ment study of "untreated syphilis in the Negro male". It

began in 1932 and ended only

after it was uncovered by

newspaper reporters in 1972.

Its purpose was to see what

would happen if the disease

The black share-croppers of

drug ring did meet Contra leaders paid by the CIA, the paper had no proof that top CIA officials knew of the relationship, Mr Ceppos

He added that in making its error, the newspaper fell short of his standards at every step of the writing, editing and production of the series. Registering strong disagreement was Gary Webb, author of the series, who described his editor's column as bizarre, misleading and nauseating. He is still employed by the paper, despite protests by numerous

staff members. In his explanation to read-ers, Mr Ceppos said the series, called "Dark Alliance", not only implied CIA knowledge

### Overpayment by Pentagon

Washington: The Pentagon has overpaid contrac-tors by hundreds of millions of dollars, in part because its antiquated computers cannot "talk" to one another, according to a report released yesterday (lan Brodie writes).

The General Accounting Office said the Defence than a hundred different accounting systems. Sometimes the same procedures that are used to account for sweets for a children's were used to

Tuskegee were lured into gov-

ernment clinics with the prom-

ise of free medical treatment.

men who suffered from syphi-

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medicine while the doctors

observed how they deteriorat-

No one was offered a con-

sent form to sign, nor even told the real purpose of the study.

All but eight of the men have

In response to a lawsuit, the

US Government set up a \$9

million (£5.5 million) compen-

sation fund for the survivors

and their families. They were

ed over time.

There, doctors identified the

Although members of the of a crack-selling ring linked rug ring did meet Contra to the Contras but did not include CIA comment in response to the paper's findings, as it should have done. "Our contract with readers is to be as clear about what we don't know as what we know," he

> The series implied that drug runners who were Contra sympathisers had been the pivotal force in the crack epidemic in the United States when in fact the mots of the drug's spread were much more complex, Mr Ceppos

> Mr Webb, the reporter. claimed he had been abandoned by the Mercury News, with a circulation of 285,000. and that he had more information to confirm his original assertions. Mr Ceppos said that the notes would be looked

The series was challenged last autumn by three major newspapers, The Washington Post, Los Angeles Times and The New York Times, none of which found clear evidence of a direct link between the drug dealers and CIA.

The CIA said its independent inspector-general was conducting a thorough review of allegations raised by the paper and would report by the end of the year. Maxine Waters, a Democratic black congresswoman for Los Angeles. said she was troubled by the episode. The paper's admission did not after the fact that Nicaraguan drug traffickers sold crack and sent the profits home, whether the CIA knew

Syphilis survivors win apology benefits. But campaigners and civil rights groups have fought

> Many have come to regard the Tuskegee experiment as a metaphor for medical racism The men were left untreated in America. Albert Jukes, the croppers used in the study, told The New York Times recently: "It was one of the worst atrocities ever heaped on people by the Government. You don't treat dogs that way."

for a presidential apology.

Yesterday, a White House aide said: "We consider it a moral obligation to apologise on behalf of the Government of the United States for what happened in Tuskegee.



The strike force in action: two members of the team try to calm tempers after coming on a drink-driving car accident in a Boston suburb

# 'Gangbuster cops' win Boston war

Vamp Hill Kings, some of Boston's most vicious black street thugs, swiftly paried company as police officer Ken-ny Israel parked his un-marked Ford at the corner of Ridgewood Street in the city's gangland. Both were alleged killers known to Officer Israel and his fellow plainclothes colleagues, Officers Dave Singletary and Larry Celester.

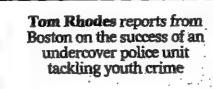
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James Earl Jones, the gold insignia of his gang on a chain around his neck, smiled at the policemen: "What's up, bro? Nothing doing here." Rubin McCray, the more violent of the two, shuffled to the other side of the street and said

"He'll have a gun somewhere close by. You can count on that. But he knows we're around and he won't try anything," said Officer Singletary, his diamond earnings glittering in the headlights.

Without the concealed flak jackets, guns and handcuffs, and the small letters of the Boston Police Department jumpers, the officers would be indistinguishable from the gang members. That is exactly how they want it.

The three were all raised in the crime-ridden districts of Roxbury and Dorchester and now belong to Boston's elite Youth Violence Strike Force. the front line of a united defence that has brought the city national and international acclaim. Strathelyde has sent



its senior officers to analyse the tactics as a possible model for Glasgow. Tom Menino. Boston's Mayor, was in London last month promoting the city's crime-busting suc-cess to the Metropolitan

President Clinton launched his fight against juvenile crime in Boston three months

ago. Hundreds of police in the United States, from Alabama to New York, have requested seats at a strategy seminar here this month.

Boston has recaptured its streets from the terror of gang warfare. The Boston Miracle, as it is called, has reduced violent crime by almost 50 per cent in two years, a statistic

# Gingrich pitches in

IN A conspicuous show of rolunteerism, members of Congress, led by Newt Gingrich, yesterday promised to roll up their sleeves and build houses for two poor families

Mr Gingrich, the Republican House Speaker, announced the bipartisan scheme for the "Houses that Congress Built" while the families who will benefit and will own the new houses bearned at his side. Dozens of members of Congress, their relatives and staffs have

promised to pitch in to help. Work starts next month and

the families hope to be settled in by October, when they will throw a thank-you party for the "sweat equity" expended by their distinguished build-

The homes are sponsored by Habitat for Humanity, the volunteer organisation for mer President, has been bang-ing in nails for the past 20 years. Its founder, Millard Puller, describes the concept of serving others through manual labour as the "theol-

ogy of the hammer ... By next year every member of Congress will be invited to build a Habitat home in his or her own constituency. The organisation also plans to extend its activities abroad.

unimaginable in 1990 when the murder rate hit a record yearly high of 152. Then hun-dreds of gangs had turned sections of Roxbury and Dorchester into combat zones. spraying streets with bullets over drug territories the police seemed unable to control. Almost no one under 25 dared to walk through the housing

Drug dealers carried out shootings in cars and on bicycles. The games disrupted the courts at will, failed to heed probation orders and intimidated so many witnesses that one judge called for the National Guard to secure law

projects or basketball courts.

But today, armed with an innovative, low-cost pro-gramme that has united all arms of the criminal defence system and which is backed by the clergy, schools and even research from Harvard, Bos-

ton is winning the war.

A paper by the Kennedy
School at Harvard showed that 75 per cent of Boston crime was committed by about now known to members of Officer Israel. Last year murders dropped to a 30-year low

shootings was halved beviolence is down 20 per cent. Most remarkable of all, at a time when US feenagers are 12 times more likely to die in crossilre than their counterindustrialised world, no Boston teenager under 17 has been killed by a gun or a knife since July 1995.

"We were tripping over shell cases in 1990," said Paul Evans, Boston's police commissioner. Back then, there were serious questions about 🛚 🐗 the viability of the city. We really had no sense of the gang structure, and not very good intelligence.

"We were just reacting to murder after murder. Now we have a pro-active, comprehensive and collaborative effort to combat gang crime."

Commissioner Evans holds twice-weekly crime analysis meetings with all the captains of his districts at which plans are formulated. The strategy is simple. Officer Israel and his colleagues provide an intelligence network, based on trust, combined with a "zero tolerance" towards gangs, guns and drugs. Warrants for the smallest offence - traffic violations and even unpaid park-

Probation officers have joined forces with the police to visit clients unannounced. The commissioner believes blanket curtews are unworkable. The number of non-lethel but court order violations are bootings was halved be acted on immediately. Judges have jailed whole gangs.

"Two years ago we wouldn't 'have dared come here alone.' said Officer Israel. The most important thing we have done is take fear off the streets."



# Disney finds less is Moore

Los Angeles: Hollywood's best-paid actress is so unpopular with audiences that her latest film has been withdrawn from its summer release date so that the studio can rethink its marketing campaign (Giles Whittell writes).

Demi Moore, who commands \$12.5 million (ES million) per film, appears in a forthcoming Disney drama entitled G.I. Jane as a navy lieurenant hoping to become the first female member of the

But audiences are unimpressed. Test screenings revealed deep misgivings about Moore, if not the film, a Disney executive admitted, "We don't know what to do," he told Newsweek. "People just don't want to see her."

The actress who made her name in Ghost and A Few Good Men has recently had three big flops: The Scarlet Letter, The Juror, and Striptease. The last of these featured Ms Moore as a desperate single mother dancing in nothing but rupple tassles to support her child. It eventually recouped its costs but appears to have irrevocably cheapened its star's



Moore: closely cropped for her starring role in G.I. Jane

# **Expectations** are high at Nevada school

New York: A high school in Nevada has been hit by a bizzard of protest after it included photographs of the school's many pregnant students in its yearbook (Tunku Varadarajan writes). By tradition, there is no text more

wholesome in America than a school yearbook. Yet the Battle Mountain High School - in Battle Mountain - has dared to flout the norms of the genre this year by cunning a two-page feature on birth rates and expectancy in the school's

The feature, entitled "Don't drink the vater", was intended to be funny, but local teenage pregnancy prevention groups have not yet seen the joke. Carol Hensley, a co-chairwoman of the Battle Hensiey, a co-chairwoman of the Baffle Mountain Community Against Teen Pregnancy Committee, said: "I think our whole team's opinion is that the yearbook is glorifying teen pregnancy. It is just glossing over the seriousness of children having children."



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# Japanese envoy to Lima sacked over hostage ordeal

THE Japanese Ambassador to. Peru, who won praise for samurai like fortitude during a four-month ordeal as a hostage of the Tupac Amaru rebels, has lost his job for failing to anticipate the attack on his lama residence.

Monhisa Aoki, 58. discovered that his career was over during parliamentary ques-tioning yesterday on the extent of his responsibility for the security lapses that allowed the Lima hostage crisis to occur. Without betraying a. flicker of emotion, he listened as Yukihiko Ikeda, the Foreien Minister, announced that the Government had decided

to accept his offer to resign. The Ambassador had been summoned to parliament to explain why he had decided to host a gala party to celebrate the birthday of Japan's Emperor on December 17 last year which was attacked by guerrillas of the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement (MRTA), who raided the residence and took hundreds of have conducted himself durmests hostage. Most were

The hostage crisis ended on April 22 when Peruvian commandos stormed the residence. One of the 72 hostages and two soldiers died in the raid, in which all 14 rebels were killed. But Mr Anki's ordeal has continued ever since with his handling of the crisis coming under critical analysis in Japan...

Aoki apologised for an incident that caused massive pain to a number of people". But he denied that he had been forewarned of a terrorist attack or refused extra security offered by Peruvian authorities on the day of the reception. On the contrary, he said he

had been told by police that the terrorists were mactive, and there was little risk of an attack. Nevertheless, he had reinforced security by deploy-ing an extra 14 or 15 men to join the seven guards on duty; he said that was ample for

Mr Aoki was reported to ing the siege with the fortitude

from which he is descended. When the rebels' gunfire sent guests at the reception diving for cover, Mr Aoki stood his ground, appealing to the attackers to stop shooting. As the siege dragged on, he engaged the guerrillas in a dialogue that blunted their aggressive edge.

But on his return to Japan his heroic image began to fade. Mr Aoki annoyed some Japanese journalists with his abrasive response to their questions. Astonishingly, he came in for criticism for chainsmoking during a news conterence, considered unseemly behaviour in a public servant, even one who had endured 127 days of captivity.

But his most serious sin, in a society that sets great store by displays of repentance, was that he initially failed to make a sufficiently "sincere" apology to the nation for security apses, in the view of some members of parliament.

Even so, the Government's His departure signalled the decision to relieve Mr Aoki of his post was unexpected. end of a career for an ambas-

by his family to Latin Ameriignation last week, it was seen ca. Mr Aoki's father and as a symbolic gesture, and Mr Aoki had expressed a wish to grandfather were both also return to Peru to resume his

mats in the region. It is not clear when Mr Aoki's resignation will take effect or if he will remain in

Prior to his Peru assignment, Mr Aoki was a senior official well-known Japanese diploof the Japan International Cooperation Agency, the aid arm of the Foreign Ministry.

He also served as a Deputy Foreign Minister and chief of

Japan's diplomatic service.

research bureau. Quake damage: A strong earthquake with a magnitude of 6.2 hit Japan's southern island of Kyushu yesterday. injuring 27 people and damag-

the ministry's intelligence and

James Pringle. The explosion occurred at rush-hour in a park near Tiananmen Square,

Officials linked the blast to Muslim separatists in Xinjiang. No one was reported to have been injured. The last bomb blast reported in the city was in early March, when eight people were injured. Violent crime is

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Nicosia: The Red Cross praised the international response to its Iranian earthquake appeal as one of the most swift and generous ever, as more than half the £5 million requested was raised by Monday (Michael Theodoulou writes). Iran, mean-while, lowered the total of victims of the Saturday quake to 1.560 killed and 2.810 injured from the earlier casualty toli of 2,400 dead and 6,000

# China rebuke for Manila

Manila: China has warned the Philippines that relations could be jeopardised if Ma-nila's naval forces made further intrusions near the contested Sprattys in the South China Sea (Abby Tan writes). Beijing accused Manila of driving away Chinese fishing boats and of disrupting "a joint international amateur radio exploration activity" in the area last month.

## Volcano alert for airlines

Mexico City: Aircraft were banned from flying near the plumes of ash shot high into the sky and were carried by winds 140 miles east to the Gulf of Mexico, But officials appealed for calm in villages surrounding the volcano, which has been rumbling since December 1994. (AP)

# Witch report

Kampala: A new commission of "super witches" is to use its extraordinary powers to stamp out malpractice after a series of suspicious deaths, the Ugandan government newspaper New Vision said. (AFP)



Morihisa Aoki, the Japanese Ambassador to Peru, shortly after he and the other hostages were released last month

# Colony wins civil rights reprieve

TUNG CHEE-HWA, the Chief Executive-designate, appears set to retreat over his proposed restrictions on civil rights in Hong Kong, after widespread local and interna-

tional alarm. The move, which is a profound political reversal, must have been approved by the Beijing leadership and, if so, marks a setback for Chinese and local hardliners

Mr Tung's office has binted that he will deliver a speech this week to announce the rolling back of his initial plans that would have required protesters to apply for police approval to stage demonstra-tions and to har foreigners from funding political groups Mr Tung said: The hard-liners got their way with the original drafting: I think you'll be surprised by how different the final law is."

The impending climbdown was signalled last week by Henry Tang, a member of Mr Tung's Executive Council. He said "liberal proposals" to cut restrictions on political activiry would be "finalised" this veek. Bills will be tabled before the Beijing-appointed Provisional Legislative Coundi on Saturday.

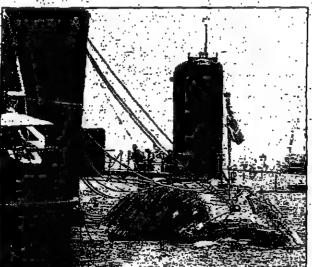
Mr Tang is a member of both the wholly elected Legislative Council and the Beijing-

appointed body due to take its place after the handover on

One of Mr Tung's original proposals states that those intending to protest must seek the permission of police who would decide whether the potential demonstration threatens "national security". The Bar Council and the Law Society condemned it as a throwback to the repressive laws of the colonial period.

Mr Tang has suggested that the proposed law could be redrafted to resemble the one in existence today, under which protesters merely notify police. He said if there was no police response after a certain period it could be "deemed" that approval had been given.

The second proposed law, that led to a backlash from the legal profession, academics and journalists, would have required political parties to



Crewmen from HMS Trenchant, the Royal Navy nuclear powered submarine, disembark yesterday after the vessel arrived in Hong Kong. She is part of the task force assisting the British withdrawal.

register with police. It would also have made it illegal for "aliens" to donate money to political parties.

Mr Tang conceded that "the net has been cast too wide" and noted that foreigners with residence rights in Hong Kong, such as the more than 150,000 workers from the Philippines here, and "someone walking past a collection box and throwing in ten dollars" should be able legitimately to make contributions.

For several weeks the Beijing-aligned Liberal Party. of which Mr Tang is a leading member, has been suggesting that Mr Tung's proposed laws should be modified

Mr Tung is now in a osition to tell Beijing that he has vigorously defended savage cuts in restrictions to Hong Kong's civil rights laws. These have now met reasoned objection in Hong Kong and provoked warnings from the United States about the colony's international standing

after the handover. Beijing is also well placed to say that under "one country, two systems" it has listened to the voice of Hong Kong and urged Mr Tung to be sensible and sympathetic. If this attitude was translated into less stringent civil rights rules, Mr Tung would have a far easier local and international ride.

# Fishermen found after 150 days

Majuro: Two Kiribati fishermen lost at sea in a 121 ft boat five months ago have turned up alive in the Marshall Islands long after they were given up for dead. The two errived here yesterday and flew home.

Takuu Katatia, of Betio, said that on December 10 he and his nephew Tamango Teitika, from Maiana Atoll, were out on a fishing trip between the atoll of Kiribati, and Maiana, an island about 25 miles to the south.

They were making their third trip of the day between the two islands, taking their catches back to Majana, when lost their way.

Their odyssey continued until they sighted land at Mill Atoll in the southern Marshalls last Friday, 150 days after they were lost and 350 miles northwest of where they were lost.

As the sun beat down on them day after day, their eyes became swollen and their mouths and tongues cracked and blistered. However, they had fishing lines and hooks on board, so were able to catch fish. Over the five months, they saw a number of ships passing at a distance, but none saw them. (AFP)

# 'Unelectable' Peres slow to surrender party leadership

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ALMOST a year after Shimon Peres lost his lifth general election as Labour leader, Israel's main opposition party yesterday began formal proceedings to dump him. The move provoked envious comparisons with the speed of John Major's exit as leader of the Conservatives.

Mr Peres, 73, has stubborny refused to retire gracefully. insisting that a new post of Active Party President should be created for him, and softpedalling his opposition to the Binyamin Netanyahu in the vain hope of being invited to

join a new coalition. Supporters of Ehud Barak. 55, the former Chief of Staff and Foreign Minister who is favourite to succeed Mr Peres when internal elections are staged on June 3, expressed fury and frustration at what they saw as the Labour Party leader's reluctance to stand down with dignity and surrender power to a younger gen-

In addition to Mr Barak. three other contenders will stand on June 3 to lead Labour against Mr Netanyahu in 2000: Yossi Beilin, 48. a key architect of the Oslo peace process; Ephraim Sneh, 52, former Health Minister and rank outsider; and Shlomo Ben-Ami, 53, the former ambassador to Spain.

After the unedifying sight of Mr Peres, the 1994 Nobel Peace Laureate, struggling to hang on to some trappings of power after a defeat which led even Labour Party faithful to pronounce him "unelectable", Mr Major's behaviour has been repeatedly held up as an

Meanwhile, another upset hit the Netanyahu administration yesterday, with the resignation of Israel's new Ambassador to Jordan after only eight days in the post. In a sharp resignation letter.

Oded Eran, one of only two Israeli envoys serving in the Arab world, complained that he had been left in the dark over last week's secret talks in Agaba between Mr Netanyahu and King Hussein. Mr Netanyahu's office said it had been the job of Israel's Foreign Ministry to inform the ambassador of the meeting.

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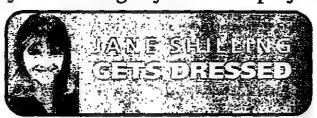
# Cherie, your country needs you

Who will save Labour's idealistic, visionary and utterly dowdy Class of '97 from years of brightly coloured polyester?

t was the Editor of Vogue who came up with one of the saddest reflections of the post-election hangover, She was, she confided to The Guardian this week, fascinated by the outfits worn by the 96 new Labour Babes clustered around Tony Blair in a victory rally on the steps of Church House. "I'm interested in Vogue sort of not being in a different world to them." she said. But on closer investigation, it proved impossible to find even one new MP with sufficient glamour to appear in the pages of her magazine.

Well, looking at That Photograph, you rather see what she means. Clustered around their leader, all got up for the occasion in what are presumably their very best outfits, the female arm of the Labour Party looks like nothing so much as an exceptionally nasty example of municipal planting - Margaret Beckett in shrieking geranium pink: Ann Taylor in blinding lobelia blue: Linda Perham in cruel French marigold orange and Patricia Hewitt in a jacket covered in writhing herbiage of a kind usually heraided by a sign reading "Britain in Bloom, runner-up, 1997". Now municipal planting has many advantages — it is impervious to sudden storms; mud does not stick to it; it is resistant to all the slimy pests and blights that congregate to attack it its horricultural and political virtues are legion. What it is

not, however, is attractive. Still, the Editor of Vogue, accustomed as she is to dealing on a daily basis with Naomi and Linda and Cindy no one at all among the Blairettes with a sense of style? It is not that one expects one's political representatives to



waft into the chamber, trailing yards of leopardskin chiffon irom Dolce & Gabbana (though why not, actually?). We are, of course, already intimate with the wardrobes of such Tory ladies as have held on to their seats, and there is certainly not much joy to be

found there - but surely among the new blood, one might expect a little glamour.

again at the photograph. Of the very back row of ladies, only their windblown hairdos and sensible glasses are visi-ble. Perhaps from the neck down they are miracles Or then they follow the pattern of their all-too-visible colleagues in the front rows, with their terrible shoes, their skirts brutally terminat-

ed at midcalf or

Patricia Hewitt:

bang on the kneecap; their ill-cut jackets (every single shoulder pad a good inch too wide - the result, no doubt, of the baleful influence of Barbara Follett, she of the bile-green two-piece and criminally matching court shoes).

This being new Labour. there is, to be sure, no question

of effort not being made. On the contrary, the stilted poses, the dreadful hair, somehow unkempt and over-lacquered both at the same time, the fussy little scarves and jaunty bits of costume jewellery all bellow effort with deafening clarity. So why does the team

photograph of Mr Blair's new girls so certily resemble a convention of uccessful Avon Ladies? Did their constituencies make them swear an oath, on pain of deselection, to wear nothing but ill-fitting polyes-ter two-pieces? Painful as it is

to admit, they do these things better in France, where the election campaign is still in full swing, with a record number of women candidates, quantities of whom have appeared in a photo-Match. Like their

parts, the French candidates come in a variety of ence is that the Editor of Vogue would have not the slightest magazine with political glamour-pusses from across the

Ignoring, for a moment, the

painful injury to our national self-esteem, let us examine the reasons for this. To begin with, it has nothing to do with looks. One or two of the Frenchwornen are beauties, it is true - at the age of 48, Elisabeth Guigou, President Mitter-rand's former Minister for Europe, and a graduate of ENA, the fearsonnely competitive school for administrators, was photographed for Paris-Match by Helmut Newton but most, like the Brits, have the pleasant, ordinary faces of the ordinary women they are. Nor do the French give the impression of being addicted to couture. Indeed, many of the candidates are very young - in their mid-twenties - and evidently dressed on a modest budget. But their hair is properly cut and shining, their ewellery is real, their shoes are elegant and polished. Above all, they look comfortable in their skins. They look,

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ow sexiness is not a quality much valmakes the chaps come over all uncomfortable. English political commentators, confronted with Mme Guigou during her ministerial years, tended to burble incoherently about ky glamour and seduction froide. Intelligence has never been a hindrance to sexiness in France," wrote one, rather

penetrated as far as the boys' club of the House of Commons, where intelligence and sexiness among the female members are regarded as not merely incompatible but thoroughly reprehensible.

In France, it is not merely possible to be clever and sexy - it is positively necessary. It is a a way of getting what you want — and also, to be sure, a way of making life more amusing. Why, after all, wear a hideous frock to debate the EMF when it is just as easy to wear a pretty one?

In England, for some rea-son, women who aspire to both power and sexiness are regarded with grave suspicion. Not individually, of course - many politicians have wives, of notable intelligence and allure, without whom they would be in very bad trouble indeed — but en masse, where there exists the possibility that they might get the upper hand, they still provoke a remarkable degree of fear and loathing.

It is surely an unconscious acknowledgment of that fact that lies behind the apologetic demeanour of those women in their moment of triumph outside Church House, There they all are, doing what Brit-ish women do best - trying to fade into the background, lest anyone notice they have made an attempt to look attractive and punish them for it.

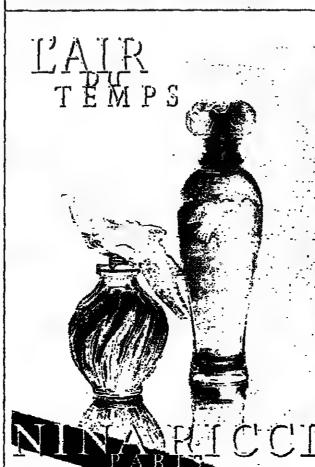
What is to become of the Class of 97 — so idealistic, so committed to change, so full of vision, so unutterably dowdy? Really, someone should take the lot of them in hand before it is too late, and they have Frédérique Bredin, left, Elisabeth Guigou, and Ségolène Royal — all former French ministers, all comfortable in their skins

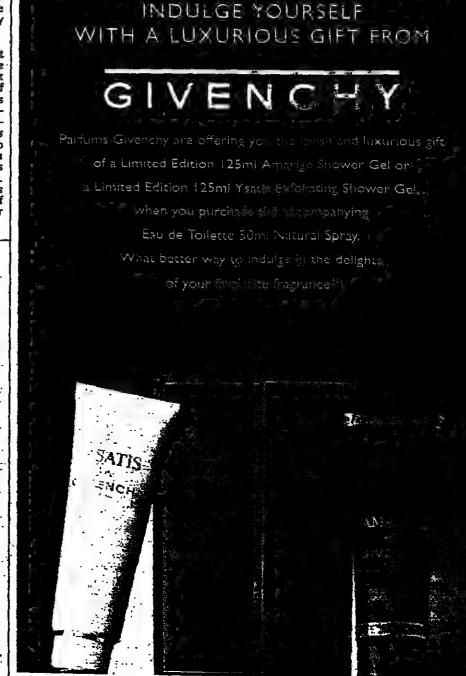


Tony Blair surrounded by his team of women MPs, who so early resemble a convention of successful Avon Ladies

filled their cupboards with enough brightly coloured polyester to last them for Ten More Years. But who? Barbara Follett has done quite enough harm. And it is hardly a job for Peter Mandelson.

ut even the exigent Editor of Vogue could not find fault with the style of Cherie Blair, whose outfits during her husband's campaign were a miracle of middle-of-the-road chic; who is never less than soignée: who always has her lipstick on straight, and who even knows how to cry prettily in public. She's a very busy woman, it is true, but when the finger of destiny points . . . Cherie, your country needs you.



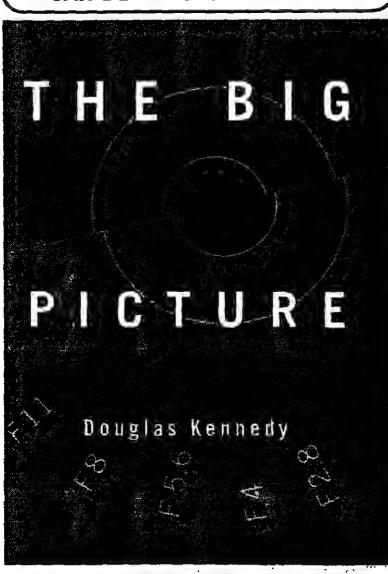


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Forget schools, mothers should be teaching cookery More half-baked ideas on home economics The Prime Alinister is said to be as passionate about food — always a

reasonable enough. Pupils should learn what to do with raw ingredients, how to cook: their lessons should be in food preparation rather than — as they often are now — in food technology. How could anyone argue? But I do have some sympathy for schools here, which are anyway giving cookery instruction in home economics classes. And

cookery at school will hold some sway. Her requests are, to start off with at least,

good sign in a person - as he is about education, so perhaps Prue Leith's lecture vesterday on the importance of teaching

they must be fed up with being criticised for what are (certainly in this case) parental shortcomings. I know that we're all supposed to be too busy these days to cook, but if we are the ones giving our children shop-bought stuff, we can hardly blame teachers for not imbuing our young ones with a love of

the domestic arts. Presumably. the highly suspect subject of home economics exists to rectify the situation. It must have been in the late-ish Seventies that cookery was given such an elevated title: when started cookery lessons. the subject was called domestic science, and by the time I escaped it was home economics. And in between learnt absolutely nothing. If it weren't for the fact that my mother taught me how to cook, by example rather than instruction. I wouldn't be able to cook now. I

watched her and learnt, I helped, too, with stirring and sauce-making, standing on a rickety wooden chair shoved up close to the stove. Dangerous, but invaluable, too.

Nigella Lawson

I know women go out to work now and that there is no time to provide some notional domestic idyll, the air thick with the steam from a batch of buns, but that was not my childhood, either. There are, therefore, two main flaws in the

belief that cookery lessons will teach children how to cook: the first is that most cookery teachers cannot cook, or cannot cook anything one would want to eat: the second is that it's not what children are taught at school but what they see around them, and eat, at home that matters.

I concede, though, that if children never see anything more culinarily edifying than the inside of the microwave at home, then they are painfully in need of some basic instruction at school. But where I disagree with Prue Leith is the form that instruction should take. Learn how to make pasta? How idiotic. Even Italian schoolchildren are not Italian schoolchildren are not taught cookery

Anyway, television, newspapers and magazines are full of recipes for pasta and suchlike. What children — and not only children - fail to grasp along the way is how long chicken needs to be roasted per pound, what to do with different cuts of lamb, and all that sort of thing. Mind you, meat cookery is probably out at most schools now, and not ust on the grounds of cost. Cookery cannot he taught without concomitant instruction in nutrition", which means demonising anything with meat or fat in it. Thus. the daughter of a friend of mine was given a recipe for biscuits, with a request by the cookery teacher that she adapt it to be a lowfat recipe. This is hardly guaranteed to instil

anyone with a love of cooking (or eating).

It makes sense to encourage everyone to have a go themselves to see how easy for example, it is to make a sponge cake or grill a pork chop, but I am a realist. Which leads me to argue that it is not the children who should be packed off to cookery lessons but, in most cases, their parents.

POOR Terence Contan: he builds restaurants for us. builds shops for us, stocks them both with good food. and do we thank him for his trouble? No. We mack his enthusiasm and now, with the opening today of his mega-emporium, the Bluehird Gastrodrome on the King's Road, we start implying that he has megaloma-

niac tendencies and has to be stopped before he takes over the whole world. If only that were the case. I fear that he hasn't taken over enough. I'm not so worried about London. it's beyond that is really in need of Contanisation. I mean the country: something has got to be done about it. It's not just that the food's bad (the conversation's worse, but I do see that's outside even Sir Terence's remit) hut that no one has any taste.

You can't go to a restaurant in the country without being served food with great fanfare under silver-plate cloches, or find a hotel that doesn't have chintry pretensions to be a stately home. The whole thing makes my urhan soul shudder at the aesthetic affront.

And I have often thought too, that what the current generation of stressed-out young execs really needs doesn't exist: a good-taste health farm. Think white, think smooth, light and plain space, think the Delano in South Beach: think anything except the suburbanstyle nightmares that currently exist. I know that the Conran ethos hardly lends itself to restraint or self-denial, but surely he could



"I still think the perfect day is one where I am hopelessly overscheduled. The more you work, the better you do. It is that simple"

# Master of the Universe

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of glamorous women and keen on publicity as it is possible to be without being a household name.

But in the City or Wall Street he is as good a contender as any for the title of Master of the Universe. Sitting in his headquarters on Manhattan's Park Avenue, in a meeting room plastered with articles about himself, he tells how the heads of the great Wall Street investment banks teasingly greet him as "Your Eminence". "I love ic," he says.

He has earned it. In 15 years, he has taken the financial markets by storm, selling them a package of data, news and computing power, and stealing business from under the noses of the giants Reuters and Dow Jones. The Bloomberg group employs 2,000 people around the world and its revenue last year was \$700 million. That success has made its creator a billionaire, allowed him to become a prominent philanthropist, and dubbed him "America's most eligible bachelor

in his entertaining autobiography Bloomberg by Bloomberg, he tells how he did it Long on exclamation marks, his book, like that of many successful businessmen. is short on reflection; he may have made his fortune by

Ex-bond salesman Michael Bloomberg has taken the financial world by storm. Interview by Bronwen Maddox

selling analysis but applies little to himself.

But although the book lives up to Bloomberg's reputation for brashness and ebullience, with chapter headings such as "Capitalism, here I come" and "I love Mondays", it appears to have been written principally from a generous impulse: the conviction that his example will encourage others.

Bloomberg, now 55, was born in Medford, a blue-collar "on Valentine's Day". His father, from an East European

immigrant family. was a bookkeeper for a dairy company and his mother a strong-minded housewife. Bloomberg remembers his parents' insistence on standards: The food didn't come out in pots: only serving dishes came to the table." can still eat' After training as

engineer. Bloomberg made his way to Salomon Brothers. building the Wall Street powerhouse. As one of their star bond salesman, he lived the part: "As a bachelor with a big expense account. I had a girlfriend in every city, skied in every resort, ate in every

er missed a Broadway play." Increasingly outspoken about the management's failings, as he saw them, he was sidelined to computer systems, and then sacked when the partnership sold up, albeit with \$10 million from his share of the proceeds.

four-star restaurant, and nev-

ressed on what he felt at the time about his stalled career and being fired after 15 years service aged 39, he says: "I can't really remember. I wasn't devastated." As he puts it in the book: 'I never look over my shoulder. Once finished, gone. Life continues." The only note of self-doubt comes in a passage the week after he left Salomon's: "I ordered a sable jacket for my wife. Sue. I was worried that

Sue might be ashamed of my

new, less visible status and

concerned I couldn't support

the family. A sable jacket

seemed to say 'No sweat, We

players'."(She was delighted.)

Many would find \$10 million in the bank enough reassurance. But deciding that retirement would be boring. Bloomberg set about selling Wall Street a package of price information and, crucially, the software to analyse it. Some of the best passages describe Bloomberg and his colleagues installing the first terminals themselves, crawling under desks, through old McDonaid's hamburger wrappers

holes for their cables. Matthew Winkler, Bloom Editor-in-Chief, who is credited with offering "invaluable help" in the book, spearheaded the move into reported news. Customers can now use a single screen to run tests on their portfolios. send e-mail, watch international television news or

book a flight. The Park Avenue is the hub of that network. "It's the Bloomberg buzz." one employee says gesturing at the whirl of people having meetings or rushing to dip into the coffee. fruit and chocolate on tap in the foyer. Tropical fish in floor-to-ceiling tanks are supposed to add calm, but have caught the agitation.

Bloomberg, who has gone to lengths to strip away hierarchical divisions, cares fiercely about loyalty: if an employee leaves, he will not attend the going-away party. The news-room is designed like a Wall Street trading floor, divided only by low partitions. "Mike sits there, when he sits," one said, pointing to a desk in the corner. On cue. Bloomberg's slight 5ft 9in figure emerges from a standing huddle of colleagues, incredulous that someone has had the leisure to leave a two-minute message

on his voice mail.
"I still think the perfect day is one where I'm hopelessly overscheduled," he says. Jog early in the morning and get to work by 7 am is his ideal start. After layers of phone calls. emails, video-conferences, stand-up meetings, he allows himself an early dinner with customers or a group of employees, followed by a second with friends where I

the Financial Times. It appeals to his sense that long established companies with few competitors "are usually easy to beat". But he worries. actually get a chance to stop talking and eat". At the end "I with reason, that "you can lose fall into bed, exhausted but a lot of money starting news-papers". As he says in the satisfied with the day's accombook: "It's one thing to bet the plishments." store when the store is worthless, and quite another when you're older and tired, and

discussed starting a rival to

have gotten used to the good

life." Given the philosophy he

has expounded in the rest of

the book, that is an unconvinc-

ing exit line: it certainly gives

his rivals little reason to relax.

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"The more you work, the better you do. It's that simple. I'm sure someone, some place, smart enough to succeed while 'keeping it in perspec-tive' and not working too hard. but I've never met him or her." He particularly respects "your

acknowl-"having a business career and raising a family create inher-ent conflicts. The breakup of his 20-year marriage three years ago is, he has said, a deep regret. Despite his divorce, he is still close to his wife and spends every weekwith his daughters. Emma, 17. and Georgina, 14.

He has "preny much a steady girlfriend" now, a writer close to his own age. But although he says "my friends would have expected me to have married again by now". he shrugs and grins when asked if that is imminent. Bachelor is a big word in the Bloomberg vocabulary.

There are, though, questions about the future of the business. Both Reuters and Dow Jones's struggling Telerate are stepping up investment. He gave in to pressure last year to "go open" - allow customers to take Bloomberg's service into their own equipment. But as one London analyst remarks: "He still wants you to pay the full price for another terminal if you just pipe it to another PC."

Above all, there is the threat of a sustained slump which might prompt customers, who have Bloomberg and Reuters terminals, to pick just one. But tion, Bloomberg is adamant he is not about to cash in on the good times and sell the company or float it. However he insists: "If I drop dead, the board has two years to sell. You can't run things from the grave." He wants his daugh ters to manage a trust to give

his fortune to good causes. Here, the Mirror Group uses Bloomberg to provide The Independent's business news. and Bloomberg and David Muntgomery, Mirror Group's chief executive, have



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# The soul of man under new Labour

Illiberal liberals imperil Blair's

project, says Melanie Phillips

t is very confusing to be a liberal today. We believe we live in a liberal society. But our definition of liberal has become corrupted. It has fallen victim to a mind-set which says the individual is paramount, personal choice and self-fulfilment trump everything else, all values are subjective and there is no such thing as objective right and wrong. These beliefs are not liberalism. They are its applications and to the subjective in the subjective in the subjective in the subjective right and wrong. These beliefs are not liberalism. They are its

It was the so-called liberal refusal to discriminate between prosocial and antisocial behaviour which produced Mandy Allwood with her IVF octuplets, all of whom died, by a man with another family to whom she was not married. Or Diane Blood, whose inalienable right to a child was held to justify administering an electric shock up the backside of an unconscious and dying man to retrieve his sperm without his knowledge or consent. In our schools, "liberal" child-centred education has left thousands of children functionally illiterate. All the evidence indicates that family dismemberment and reorganisation is a disaster for most children, just as lone parenthood is a distressing burden for most women. How can it

women. How can it be liberal to promote such harm? Yet teachers who resist damaging educational orthodoxies are often penalised by local

authority advisers

or — even now —
Ofsted inspectors.
Family researchers who uncover the damage caused by family breakdown have their funding cut off by liberal research bodies. If liberalism is about freedom of expression, defending truth against oppression, tolerating dissent, above all embodying the rule of reason based on evidence, how can all these develop-

ments express liberal values? The insistence that the only alternative to a moral free-forall is authoritarian oppression indicates serious confusion about what liberal values actually are. That is because liberalism has been corrupted into licence and libertinism. And there are still people in key positions who have every interest in bamboozling the public - maybe even bamboozling the Prime Minister into believing these trends are being reversed while they are actually being reinforced. Our new Government has pledged itself to repair the social fabric. Yet at the heart of this administration, corrupted liberal val-

ues are still entrenched. The great early liberal thinkers laid down principles which today's corrupted liberals have all but buried. Real liberalism consists of a delicate equilibrium between freedom and equality, and rules and boundaries. It acknowledges the great paradox, that personal freedom can be protected only within a structure of constraints. The disintegration of those constraints and the resulting loss of that crucial equilibrium have created libertarianism on both the political Left and Right. The idea that things are intrinsically right or wrong has

given way instead to whether they are expedient.

We appear to have moved into not just a post-modern but a post-moral society. But this cannot therefore be a liberal society. Liberalism was always a moral project. Yet our moral discourse now boils down to two concepts: personal autonomy (the right to make choices) and individual rights (claims made against others). Down this route, liberal values mutate into coercion and hedonism. Freedom and equality turn into absolutes, ends rather than means.

The great question now is whether the Blair Government will re-establish true liberal values - or whether it, too, is fatally compromised by these confusions. The issue is not whether old Labour still has any life in it. There is a profound divide within new Labour between hedonism the absolute supremacy of individual choice in pursuit of happiness and fulfilment and moralism, where the individual is constrained to some extent by bonds of duty. In the New Model Labour Government, Jack Straw and Frank represent the latter trend. But in the education department, despite David

Tony Blair
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Blunkert's genuine
commitment to raising standards, policies and even some
key personalities
still embody the
egalitarian individualism at the heart
of the educational
malaise. The stated
aim to reimpose

equality in education; the hostility to diversity;
the endorsement of the shift
from teacher to learner which
has abandoned so many children to ignorance and error;
these signals and more indicate that new Labour is alarmingly compromised by values
which have undermined the
transmission of our culture.

Tony Blair has refreshingly declared himself an ideologyfree zone. Yet he has also said that what is right is what works. Up to a point, pragmatism is commendable. But this is dangerously close to saying that principle is bunk. Who defines what works? And for whom? For the strong over the weak, the rich over the poor. the lone parent over the married couple, the individual over society? Liberal principies, constantly eroded, have to be shored up by a settled belief in what is right. What works isn't necessarily what's right at all.
The liberal equilibrium is

the famous centre ground of politics. The Blair Government has laid noisy claim to this ground. It remains to be seen, though, whether its unresolved inner tensions hetween hedonists and moralists make that claim insecure. It is an argument which must now take place openly within its ranks. But if new Labour fails to rein back individualism through the restoration of true liberal constraints, then the way is open for a chastened Tory party to reclaim the centre ground that it so irresponsibly vacated.

This is an extract from a lecture to be given tonight at the Centre for Policy Studies, Melanie Phillips is a columnist for The Observer.



LEADERSHIP STAKES

# Missionary diplomacy

o now we know. One arm of Her Majesty's Government this week said it would promote the sale of handguns to foreigners who pledge to respect human rights. Another arm said it would ban selling handguns to Britons, human rights or no. Such are the moral ambiguities of foreign

But we must not take Robin Cook's new mission statement too seriously. We are still in the post-election novelty phase. Mission statements are 1980s consultant-speak. Mr Cook had hardly opened his mouth than he said "global economy", "information revolution" and "fibre-optic cable" all in a rush, like a music hall comedian. The nice thing about new Labour is that it is fast becoming old-fashioned, like new Daz.

So what is Britain's foreign policy. unveiled with videos on Monday? Macmillan once wailed that a foreign secretary cannot speak without falling foul of either a cliché or an indiscretion. Mr Cook erred on the side of the former. His spinners claimed that this was his department's first mission statement - two months after Malcolm Rifkind issued something called just that. Most of the new statement is the same as the old. A "stable and peaceful international order" may have become a "strong world community". But the platitudes are the same: about human rights, the Commonwealth,

crime and drugs, British interests.

Students in advanced missionstatement studies know that the devil
is in what is not said. Mr Cook's most
obvious cut is the dropping of "to
invigorate the transatlantic relationship". He tried to brush this aside as
mere sub-editing. That will not do.
Mission statements may be banal but
they are written in blood. The
Atlantic bond is incompatible with
the new Europeanism. The special
relationship—the noblest diplomatic
affair of the century—has gone, not
with a bang but with a pencil.

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More intriguing is the spin. The pre-election team left no stone unturned. Leave Britain to one side, what would new Labour mean to the Mongolian shepherd, the Bangkok taxi-driver? They too have their agenda. So the camera picks out an Indian tea-picker, an Eskimo schoolchild, a Japanese microchip salesman, all gazing upwards in beatific awe as the Hale-Blair cornet whooshes across the sky. The message for them is not diversity with

Robin Cook's foreign policy amounts to meddling in the name of human rights

continuity, not even responsibility with change. It is morality. Out goes pragmatic, opportunistic British diplomacy. New Labour is ethics. Mr Cook declares that "national interest cannot be defined only by narrow realpolitik". From the people who brought you the Iron Lady now comes ... Holy Tony.

Human rights is to be at the heart of British foreign policy. Britain, says Mr Cook, will go out into the world to support "the demands of other peoples for the democratic rights on which we insist for ourselves". Britain will stamp on autocracy and child labour, impose eco-

nomic sanctions, refuse arms to aggressive states and publish a league table of repressive governments. This loreign policy has the most interventionist slant of any I can recall. "We are an instant witness in our sitting room.

in our sitting rooms through the medium of television to human tragedy in distant lands," says Mr Cook. We are therefore "obliged to accept moral responsibility for our resource..."

This is a firm rejection of the old school of diplomacy, that morality has at best a nodding acquaintance with foreign policy. Mr Cook disagrees with the view of one of his predecessors, Douglas Hurd, that policy must be insulated from "CNN diplomacy", from the instinct to "do something" whenever another of the world's myriad evils has caught the camera's roving eye. He is a Kantian, swayed by the categorical imperative. He wishes to conscript my moral response to his and wills "that it should become a universal law". A revulsion at relevision pictures of cruelty must be harnessed to a diplomatic, economic or even mili-

tary crusade.

Of course I accept "moral responsibility for my response" to what I see on television. But then what? There is a difference between wishing the world a better place, willing voluntary action to alleviate human suffering (such as through charities) and expecting my Government in effect to go to war. Mr Cook draws no distinction. Governments set on the latter course become fidgety, inconsistent and counter-productive. The moral imperative gets the better of the utilitarian goal. Kant makes better television than Bentham. When foreign ministers turn to philosophy, decent citizens should run for cover.

Mr Cook's exclusions now become more stark. We hear nothing of peaceful co-existence, of territorial integrity, of national self-determination, let alone of the United Nations charter on non-interference in the affairs of

sovereign states. America has declared that national sovereignty is now subordinate to CNN diplomacy, to America's moral imperialism. America has a league table of drugs na-

tions. Mr Cook promises one on human rights.
Yesterday morning on the radio was a vivid illustration of the double standard into which this morality leads. A firm was attacked for importing footballs made by child labour in India. A reporter in India found a child stitcher and asked if she would not rather be playing with her friends. She said yes. But she added that if she did not stitch (and someone sell and someone buy her football), her sick mother would starve.

r Cook claimed yesterday that he would clamp down on child labour, and would be applauded by the media for doing so. Such is the power of the moral response. But India is not Britain. It is poor. The best thing Britain can do for India is to buy any or all of its exports. The worst thing is to close its exports. The worst thing is to close its villages and ruin its competitiveness—all to satisfy that moral response.

Labour has always advocated sanctions as a weapon of international relations, despite all evidence of its ineffectiveness. From Castro and Gaddafi to the ayatollahs and Saddam Hussein, nothing cements a

dictator in place as does economic warfare. The casual threatening of sanctions is a war on the distant poor, a sign of the "dumbing" of foreign affairs, of CNN diplomacy.

The inspiration for Mr Cook's

philosophy is not so much kant as what Nietzsche dismissed as "Fernstenliebe", a greater concern for distant humans than for those close to home. There is a glory to foreign wars that is absent from the Department of Social Security. Over the past decade, American presidents have nimed with relief from their appalling cities to crusade in Beirut, Orenada, Somalia, Haiti and Bosnia. So Britain is now promised adventures in any disaster area that captures Mr Cook's video recorder.

Terrible will be the messes and terrible the inconsistencies. The mission to "strengthen the Common-wealth" will fall before a "moral imperative" to restore Kenya's democracy, establish human rights in Nigeria or rewrite India's labour laws. British trade will fall before human rights in Tibet. As for drug-trafficking, what does Mr Cook really mean to do about the world's second biggest export after oil? He can outlaw hypocracy and save 12 billion from the Foreign Office budget. He can break the glass, but he will not hold up the weather.

To be fair to Mr Cook, finding a new role in the world is not done in a week. America is now the global police chief and a wayward one at that Europe will be Mr Cook's stage, showered with brickbats, and the rest will be sideshows. But the sideshows will be plagued with interventions: No country is at present safe from the restlessness of post-Cold War governments, their armies, their agencies and their charity bosses. At this moment, hordes of Rwandans are wandering central Africa, enticed from their hornes in part by promises of Western aid and security, tossed from gangster to charity and back to gangster, dying all the time. For the West the Gorna camp was a great moral response, but for its inhabitants it was a causstrone.

ants it was a catastrophe.

Modern interventionism is shortterm and paper-thin. It is upheld by
tone of the commitment of empire or
of old Cold War alliances. Such
imperialism risks being mere television diplomacy. The challenge for
Mr Cook is to prove that his new
moral outreach can ever deliver a
practical goal. Otherwise it is just
showing off and feeling good.

# Alan Coren



How much is that doggy in your pocket?

s a lone columnist, I have, like Blanche Dubois, always depended on the kindness of strangers. I perch in this Cricklewood eyrie, banging on to a world I cannot see, whose population I do not know, hoping against hope that they do not object to being banged on to, and thus pitiably grateful for the slightest indication that that hope is not, in both senses, vain. And should the indication ever be more than the slightest, a hot flush suffuses my raddled cheek, my little heart goes, pita-pat, and upon each cyclid a bright tear trembles. So you see what you have done, Mrs Alice Maynard, with your Tamaeotthi.

Or, rather, my Tamagouchi, which is what it is now that Mrs Maynard has so very generously sent it to me. She did this because, a fortnight ago, I wrote that I had always wanted a dog but none of the headaches that went with it, and suggested that BT, which had just released its dawn chorus service for bird-lovers, now set up a dogline so that people like the could have a dog to talk to. But Mrs Maynard had already gone much farther than that she had gone, a month before, as far as Tokyo, and when she returned she brought with her a big bag of Tamagotchis for friends and relatives; and one, this extraordinarily compassionate lady decided after reading my column.

It is a dog I can carry in my pocket. It is the size of a quall's egg. Indeed, it could be a quail I could carry in my pocket. If I had always wanted a quail but none of the headaches that went with it, or a cat, or a gerbil. It could be My Extremely Little Pony. For the Tamagotchi is a cybernetic pet, a tiny electronic sphere which the owner has to nurture if it is to thrive and love him back it wails if it is virtually hungry or virtually unhappy, stopping only when the owner presses the little buttons which feed or comfort it; it grows virtually messy if its pleas to evacuate its virtual bowels go unheeded, and if not kept a close, caring eye on, it can have up to eight different virtual accidents, any of which could

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h, Mrs Maynard, dear kind Mrs Maynard, phat have you done? h, Mrs Maynard, dear what have you done? My dog is sitting on my desk as I write; it has been fed, it has had a pee, and it now seems to be contentedly sleeping, but you can never be sure, any moment now it could suddenly wake up and run under a bas, it could jump out of the window, ir could get eaten by a python, my life will never be the same. If it were a real dog, I could put it in the garden and get on with my work, but if you put a Tamagotchi in the garden and went back into the loft, it could squeal, vomit and tread on a landmine and you would never

And there are more distressing ramifications yet, are there not. Mrs Maynard? I never knew much about the Japanese, I knew they had a taste for raw fish, short poems, and labour-insensive roadbuilding, and that was about it, but now you tell me that they have ten million Tamagotchis, and love them, and depend upon them for their

How long, then, before Nippon comes up with cybernetic children, so much less risk and hassle, so much more certainty of illial devotion and reward, and how long before such electronic virtuality spreads, as so many Japanese initiatives do.

westwards?

Worse — though you were not to know it — your generous gift arrived on a very unsettling day indeed, when two other quantim long jumps took off from the board to land who knows where not only did BSkyB and BT go into partnership in initiate interactive television shopping so that none of us need ever leave his domestic premises again, but the Deep Blue computer trounced Garry Kasparov, the smartest human heing in the

world.
So even as I send thanks to you, Mrs Maynard. I have to say that it is thanks to you that I have seen the future, and, God help us, it virtually works. Any day now, man will be able to sit in his solitary cubicle with his dogs in one pocket and his kids in the other, feeding, clothing and entertaining himself from the screen before him, and playing everything from cribbage to rugby league against the best the cybernetic world has to

offer.
What shall we call this ideal?
Would virtual hara-kiri do?

# Log jam

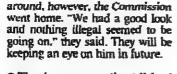
DISTRACTED perhaps by the launch of his new album. Sir Paul McCartney, a noted nature lover, has found himself under investigation by the Forestry Commission. The problem arose after McCartney made some ill-guarded remarks in an interview for the latest issue of the pop music magazine Q, in which he painted himself as a real Grizzly Adams.

When asked how he relaxed, McCartney said he liked to get out and about on his estate near Peasmarsh in East Sussex. "My hobby." he says. "and I did it yesterday actually, is getting out in the woods and making trails for riders, so I'm chainsaw man — no tree is safe. I apologise to them, though, and I point out to them, there's an awful lot of you, it's virtually a thicket!"

Instantly, feelers twitched at the Forestry Commission and investigators were dispatched. Felling timber without a licence carries a fine of up to £4,000 or twice the value of the trees, whichever is highest. Small beer to someone such as McCartney, but embarrassing for one so publicly tied to

environmental causes.

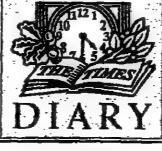
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 The chaos surrounding Michael Howard's run for the Tory leadership suddenly makes sense when one considers his personal minder,



"There IS something of the night about Howard. He eats After Eight chocolates"

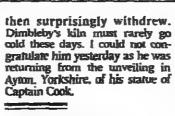


one Douglas Carswell, a young man in his mid twenties for whom the years since 1960 might not have happened. Low of brow, grey of suit and wearing the sort of heavy plastic spectacles beloved of Denis Norden, his most recent job was minding the Tories' general election chicken.

# High note

ANOTHER notes in the Dimbleby family belt, this time courtesy of Nicholas Dimbleby, younger brother of David and Jonathan. He has won a contest to design a statue of the jazz musician Duke Ellington which will stand in London's Soho Square.

He beat four other sculptors to the 530,000 contract, although the best-known among them, Sir Eduardo Paolozzi, entered late



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INTERVIEWED in the latest New College Oxford newsletter, the author John Fowles, class of 1947, recalls the formidable old bluestocking, busybody and Modern Languages lecturer Enid Starkie. "One day I smuggled a



Dimbleby: good curves

French friend in to one of her lectures, and she began quoting Rimbaud or Verlaine. He was at the Sorbonne himself. He listened for a white and then he said. What language is she speaking?."

Dance music and Shakespeare have been fused on a new disco version of Hamlet's "To be or not to be" speech. On the record, which will reach clubs very soon, the actor Richard E. Grant recites the soliloquy over a drum and bass track by the techno band Orpheus. "They assure me it's going to be in the top five," says Grant.

# Free spirit

WITH her father now in Parliament, Melissa Bell, daughter of Martin Bell, now Independent MP for Tatton, has decided to become the journalist in the family. Before returning to Britain to run and otherwise glamorise her father's successful election campaign, she worked in the marketing department of Reuters in Brussels.

Ment of Reuters in Brussels, where her fluent French comes in handy, she has moved into journalism with a job at Bridge News, a financial wire service, part of the Knight—Ridder group. "My father wouldn't have me continuing to work for him." says Miss Bell.



These are desperate times for Kasparov Chess Computers. Just hours after their sponsor's defeat by Deep Blue, the company was issuing frantic press releases promoting its product, the besiselling range of intelligent games in the world.

The criess computers, we read, provide a formidable, faceless opponent a clever combination of computer cool and human intelligence. Thus proving once again the truth of the old adage: if you can't beat 'em

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# THE LADY SPEAKS

The new Bank advisers must bring a broad range of views

Gordon Brown's decision to make the Bank of England independent was widely welcomed. Yesterday's publication of the Bank's quarterly inflation Report should remind enthusiasts that central bank independence, however desirable, is not a free hunch. The Bank intends to raise interest rates and to raise them quickly. It will not be deterred by what it sees as the short-term aberration of the overvalued pound which is punishing manufacturers and exporters. Neither will the Bank be put off by whatever Mr Brown may or may not do in his Budget next month. Subject to the tradition of verbal obscurity which is second nature to central bankers, the Inflation Report yesterday could not have been more explicit. "Inflation is more likely than not to be above the target two years or so ahead unless action is taken to slow the pace of expansion. There is likely to be a need for some further moderate tightening of policy in the months ahead."

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How far the Bank decides to move may depend to some extent on what Mr Brown does in the Budget and what happens on the foreign exchanges. But the connection will be tenuous, at best. The Bank seems intent on disappointing the CBI and other business lobbyists which have been calling for higher Taxes as a substitute for higher interest rates and a stronger pound. No such choice is now on offer. Judging by the Inflation Report interest rates will rise almost regardless of

what Mr Brown does in the Budget. This is a perfectly defensible position from the point of view of the newly independent Bank. The Bank can be more confident of meeting its new statutory duty to contain inflation if it sticks doggedly to a long-term policy of monetary rigour, refusing to be deflected by erratic currency movements or changes in tax policy whose impact on inflation may be hard to predict. To mitigate a policy of higher interest rates in the hope that inflation might be contained by a tough Budget or a strong pound would inevitably mean taking a risk with inflation, at least in the short term. Taking risks with inflation is what the Bank has been instructed not to do.

Eliminating risk, however, atways carries costs. An independent Bank will be less sensitive than an elected Government to the competitive pressures on British industry. And the independent conduct of monetary policy will sharply constrain the Chan-cellor's ability to stabilise economic activity by coordinating moves in taxes, public spending and interest rates. Whether the greater certainty of achieving low inflation justifies this loss of competitiveness and flexibility is a political decision, which Mr Brown has now taken. But even within the framework of independence, there are options available to ensure that the Bank's decisions remain open to political scrutiny and sensitive to public opinion.

The Government must ensure that appointees to the Bank's new Monetary Policy Committee represent a range of economic and political backgrounds. The committee must include economists from the Keynesian school who believe in using interest rates and fiscal policy for active demand management, as well as traditional financial economists with City backgrounds. They should include people drawn from manufacturing industry, not just from academia or financial markets.

Committee members, up to the Governor and his deputies, should also represent a variety of political persuasions. Central bankers in Germany, America and France have publicly acknowledged political affiliations. Even though they must keep partisan politics out of professional judgments, experience of politics makes them more sensitive to public opinion and helps to enrich their debate. The US Federal Reserve Board is a highly political institution, whose chairman and governors maintain close contacts with the White House and Congress, as well as with business and financial lobbies. They take pride in their sensitivity to the political impact of their decisions. Central bank independence may be designed to take the politics out of interest rates. But nobody should imagine that interest rates can ever be taken out of politics.

# **CHUNNEL FUDGE**

Eurotunnel must seize this opportunity for a fresh start

system, lists numerous procedures that were not properly implemented and blames Eurotunnel for not training staff properly, leading to errors and delays in dealing with the blaze. The report is a very different document from the internal inquiry carried out by Eurotunnel immediately after the fire. This concluded that, on the whole, all the safety procedures had functioned adequately and had averted loss of life. Yesterday's report agreed only on the almost formitous escape of the drivers trapped in the tunnel; in all other respects it should puncture the complacency of the Eurotunnel inquiry.

The report makes 36 recommendations. John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister with overall responsibility for transport, swiftly associated the Government with both the criticisms and the proposals, and said he expected the new safety measures to be implemented forthwith. He insisted, correctly, that safety must be paramount.

It is, therefore, all the more surprising that the Channel Tunnel Safety Authority has itself drawn up a report so deficient in two crucial areas. No attempt was made to identify the cause of the fire, nor, on the question of the open-sided wagons - at the centre of arguments over the spread of the blaze - did it reach any conclusion. As a report, therefore, it is of little use in determining the pattern of future freight shuttles through the tunnel.

A French judicial inquiry is to publish its report on the cause of the fire within a week.

The report by the Channel Tunnel Safety Since flames were seen coming from the Authority on last November's freight shuttle train as it entered the tunnel, there is fire is a devastating indictment of sloppy suspicion of arson. This, clearly, would have practices by Eurotennel. It describes a a bearing on the running and management authority not co-ordinate its report with the French inquiry? After any air or rail crash, determining the cause of the accident is an essential first step.

Furthermore, the inquiry's failure to decide, after lengthy evidence, whether the open-sided wagons were a contributory factor is irresponsible. The Kent Fire Brigade has long condemned these transporters as unsafe; the design authorities, on the other hand, insisted that the risk of lorries catching fire was so much smaller than a fire breaking out in a car that the lattice-sided carriers were safe. Who is right? The suspicion is that commercial considerations have intervened; with the advent of 44-tonne lorries, steel-doored wagons would put too great a weight on the bogies and increase the risk of derailment. On this point, the report should have been unambiguous.

Eurotunnel has committed itself to new safety measures. Within a month both tunnels will be open to all traffic. The priority now for Government and operators is to maximise the tunnel's benefits. This means opening new routes for freight up the spine of Britain, encouraging the new privatised rail freight operations to expand their international routes and access and dealing, at European Union level, with the remaining obstacles that make national freight systems incompatible. Mr Prescott has the political weight to give transport a real boost; the tunnel operators should now seize their new opportunity.

# THE SELECT FEW

New ways to improve scrutiny of government

As Labour MPs scramble to find a seat today for the first debate of the new Parliament, many will be wondering what on earth they will do with their time. Just 91 have been chosen for government posts; that leaves a further 326 pairs of potentially idle hands.

One answer would be to have more than one career path in national politics. It need not be the pinnacle of an MP's career to become the Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Department of Doorknobs, let alone the unpaid parliamentary private secretary to the above. The Commons itself ought to provide rewarding routes to success.

The best select committees already command respect their reports are dehated and quoted, their chairmen appear on the Today programme. But too often, membership of a committee is seen as a consolation prize for ex-ministers put out to grass. If the work is taken seriously, it is detailed and timeconsuming: yet no reward is offered. The chairmen of select committees ought to be paid a salary on top of their MP's wage.

This was recommended last year by the Senior Salaries Review Body. It would give higher status to a job whose importance often goes unrecognised. In the dying years of the last administration, no fewer than four select committee chairmen gave up their post to the lure of junior or middle ranking ministerial positions. If these men had been

paid commensurately to stay in the Commons, would they have been so tempted to cross to Whitehall?

A good stint on a select committee should also be recommended to the bright young MPs in Labour's new intake. As Frank Field (who chaired the social security select committee) has proved, such work is invaluable in building up expertise. The new ranks of MPs include several, such as Patricia Hewitt for Labour and Steve Webb for the Liberal Democrats, who are already knowledgeable about welfare reform. Yvette Cooper and Charles Clarke have much to offer the Treasury and Public Services Committees. The new MPs' presence would do more than fill in time before they qualify for frontbench status, and should be seen by Mr Blair not as holding up their ministerial careers but as a substitute for spending a year or two as a PPS.

If select committees are packed with talented members, more attention will be paid to their reports and their scrutiny of the executive will be more rigorous. With Labour sitting on a majority of 179, the quality of this examination will be critical. So will the opportunity for a more diverse range of views to be aired. The committee system could bring some fresh ideas into the policy formation of a new Government. It deserves to be made more attractive.

# ETTERS TO THE EDITOR 1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

# Pressure from Tories to reform leadership election rules

From Mr Edward Leigh, MP for Gainsborough (Conservative)

Sir, 1 write as a Conservative MP so far uncommitted in the leadership

election. How can a party rebuild itself as the voice of the United Kingdom when the franchise of the leader is denied to three quarters of the constituencies of the United Kingdom?

Is there a candidate for the 1922 Committee and leadership elections prepared to commit himself to testing the result for leader and deputy leader in a full, one-man one-vote election next year conducted by secret postal hallot? Electoral colleges are burdensome and undemocratic and, as the Labour Party found, do not work or

A leadership election involving every party member could provide the springboard for a nationwide recruitment drive, maintain interest in the Conservatives throughout a lengthy Labour honeymoon period and test the mettle of the new leader against all comers and all talents.

Is there a candidate prepared to modernise our party? Can we create a democratic party conference electing the party chairman, debating real issues among representatives elected by all party members and themselves deciding all the motions to be debated by ballot? Have we the courage to countenance a Shadow Cabinet elected every year by the parliamentary party, attending the parliamentary caucus every week?

The 1922 Committee should become the forum for a united and seamless party, discussing new policy initia-tives and effective opposition together, before we present a united front to the outside world. Never again must we have this "them and us" divide between the front bench and the backbenchers, either in opposition or govemment

We need to countenance a massive reform of the whole welfare state. Conservatives succeed where they give ordinary people opportunities, as with council house sales. Are we prepared to give people real property rights over contributions they have made towards health and social security? Can we not give all schools complete freedom and parents the funding to send their child where they

Have we the honesty to accept that our European partners intend to cre-ate a united Europe and we must give the people the choice in a full referena free-trade area? Are we just going to pay lip-service to self-help. Christian and family values, or do something

These issues need to be addressed now in our elections for leader and the

Relaxing the rules

1922 Committee. Is somebody prepared to come forward and do so? Yours faithfully, EDWARD LEIGH, House of Commons. May 12.

From the Director of the Conservative Political Centre

Sir. Nowhere will your leading article today. "Trust the people", be applauded more vigorously than in the Conservative Political Centre.

Much of the CPC's most important work is done in several hundred discussion groups in constituencies in all four parts of the United Kingdom. Their chief purpose is to contribute to "two-way movement of ideas", as Rab Butler, who established the CPC after the Second World War. put it.

I am now coming to the end of a nine-year stint as director of the CPC. I have visited a large number of its discussion groups. Everywhere I have been told that the ideas contributed from below fail to secure sufficient movement in return from above.

In opposition the Conservative Party has frequently begun the task of preparing a new programme by setting up a number of policy groups to work in detail on the main areas of policy. Sir Edward Heath organised a particularly ambitious venture of this kind in 1964, which was co-ordinated by the Conservative Research Department (Rab Butler's other chief gift to the party). New policy groups should be swiftly established; and this time the CPC should be fully involved in

Incidentally, the party remains the Conservative and Unionist Party. Its defence of the Union must remain a central element of its One Nation policies for the future, even though it will need to find new ways of incorporating support for devolution within

Yours faithfully. ALISTAIR B. COOKE, Director. Conservative Political Centre. 32 Smith Square, Westminster, SWI. May 10.

From Mr Fred Silvester

Sir, As a former member of the executive of the Conservative 1922 Committee, I am aware of the arguments for leaving the main influence in the choice of leader of the Conservative Party with MPs who observe the candidates most closely.

I do hope, however, that the execuected will consider the very widespread view (letters, May 9) that party workers should now have a formal role in making the choice. The current process of consultation is inadequate. Not only is the parliamentary party no longer representative of the spread of the party at large, but nearly a quarter of MPs are new and cannot claim that special knowledge of the candidates on which the present system depends. The National Union has a strong claim to be heard.

There is no hurry to choose a leader. The party's troubles are not susceptible to the quick fix. If introducing a new system delayed the election beyand the present expectation of early June, no harm will be done. MPs should remember that they are going to need the enthusiasm of the constituency workers now more than ever.

Yours faithfully. F. J. SILVESTER (Conservative MP, 1964-70, 1974-87), 27 King Edward Walk, SEI.

From Mr David Winnick, MP for Walsall North (Labour)

Sir, Legislation was introduced by the Tories in the early 1980s whereby elec-tions for national positions in trade unions had to be based on the wider membership and no longer by those attending branch meetings.

Yet it is now considered appropriate for 164 MPs alone to decide who should be the Leader of the Opposition. Why not the same right for members of the Conservative Party as for trade unionists?

Yours etc. DAVID WINNICK House of Commons. May 12.

From Mrs Elizabeth Sutherland

Sir, So the Conservative Associations want a say in the selection of the next Tory leader. Having been responsible for the selection of hundreds of Tory candidates overwhelmingly rejected by the public at large their judgment must be questioned.

Now their favoured choice appears to be William Hague - another John Major and another pragmatist. His achievements appear few and as a "professional" politician from a very early age his real knowledge of the world must be limited. Moreover William Hague's Eurosceptic credentials are extremely suspect to many of us who have withdrawn our support

from the party.

Of the candidates on offer only the leadership of John Redwood, a man of enormous intellect and principle, untarnished by the last few years of rather squalid Tory Government, would see our family return to the Conservative told

ELIZABETH SUTHERLAND. 23 Sparrowswick Ride, St Albans, Hertfordshire.

From Mr Ednyfed Hudson Davies

Sir, Tony Blair's decision to conduct Cabinet meetings on a first-name basis has led to some ill-founded adverse reaction. There is no reason why a change of style in Cabinet should leak out to corrupt the parliamentary system. In fact some very specific advantages could result.

The archaic practice of close colleagues referring to each other in Cabmet by their ministerial titles, rather than maintaining harmony as your leader today suggests, in my view deepened departmental divisions. The inter-departmental approach to issues, which the new Government advocates, will much more readily succeed without constant reminders of

departmental tags.

Being referred to by title has tended subtly to diminish ministers' comments on any topic outside their departmental responsibility. Ron Davies, the new Secretary of State for Wales, who succeeded me as Member of Parliament for Caerphilly, has shrewd views on many political issues. Being invited by the Prime Minister to comment on a matter of, say, defence or fiscal policy with the question, "Do you have anything to say on this, Secretary of State for Wales?", instantly undermines the relevance of

his response. The new style should strengthen the sense of co-operation in Cabinet, and give new life and meaning to the doctrine of collective responsibility.

Yours faithfully, **EDNYFED HUDSON DAVIES** (Labour MP for Conwy, 1966-70; Caerphilly, 1979-83), Sowley Farmhouse, Sowley, Lymington, Hampshire. May 13.

### Cherie Blair picture

From Mrs Sandra Berry

Sir, While it is reassuring to know that in future Cherie Blair will be entitled to take out an injunction against those who publish photographs of her in a nightgown (letter, May 12), surely we should not lose sight of a citizen's responsibility for her own actions?

Mrs Blair did not need to answer the door in her nightgown — or indeed to answer it at all if it was not convenient. I would prefer to think that this is just another example of the excellent New Informality, following "Call me Tony" and "working clothes" for Gordon Brown at the Mansion House.

SANDRA BERRY. 11 Fairacre, Acacia Grove, New Malden, Surrey.

# Queen's Speech and human rights

From the Director of Liberty

Sir, One important proposal expected in tomorrow's Oueen's Speech is the Government's intention to incorporate the European Convention on Human Rights into domestic law. Liberty has campaigned for such egislation over twenty years.

Once incorporation is complete our fundamental civil and political rights will no longer exist merely in the silence of the law but will have a key place in a new constitution. For the first time we will have positive rights to privacy and fair trial, freedoms of expression, religion and assembly. The convention itself is not of course a panacea and, being nearly forty years old, needs to be supplemented by new rights in a domestic Bill of Rights.

In the shorter term, legislation to incorporate the convention needs to create real rights with real remedies, so that violations can be met by civil actions. It must deal with violations of human rights at least as effectively as breaches of property rights. The same remedies, such as injunctions and damages, should be available.

The Bill also needs to impose duties on Parliament, ministers and the Civil Service to protect these rights. In particular they need to ensure that, in future, all legislation complies with the convention. Finally, the real test of the commitment of the new Parliament will be whether it is prepared to allow the courts to give a higher status to the convention than other legislation. The Canadians have managed to develop devices that preserve the sovereignty of their Parliament whilst also giving human rights the importance they deserve within the constitution. I hope the new Parliament can be as creative.

Yours faithfully, JOHN WADHAM, Director, Liberty, 21 Tabard Street, SEI.

### New names

From Mr David Rees

Sir, The new edition of The Oxford Concise Dictionary of First Names may have chosen to record "classic" surnames such as Lambert as first names for the first time (report, May 9; letter, May 10). However, the book's previous editors have been ignoring their history if that name has been omitted until now. The pretender Lambert Simnel won

notoriety by posing as Richard Duke of York during Henry VII's reign. It would be interesting to know whether another "classic" name, Perkin, makes it into the book as well.

Yours faithfully. DAVID REES. 38 New Caledonian Wharf, 6 Odessa Street, SE16. May 12

### Deep Blue

From Mr Alan Fraser

Sir. Far from representing a triumph for the computer and artificial intelligence, the recent contest between Deep Blue and Garry Kasparov (report, May 12) shows the poverty of intellectual capacity of a machine which needs to process 200 million possible chess moves a second in order to win a match against a man who can think about only three or four.

Yours sincerely. ALAN FRASER. 33 Elm Bank Gardens, SW13. May 12.

# Sport and tobacco

From the Executive Director, Industry Affairs, of the Tobacco Manufacturers' Association

Sir, Sir Donald Acheson's assertion (letter, May 10) that "by far the greater part" of the tobacco industry's promotional spend is on "sponsorship of activities such as sport" is seriously misleading.

Sports sponsorship accounts for 16 per cent of the tobacco industry's annual expenditure on advertising and, significantly, is capped at the 1985 level, allowing for year-on-year inflation. Moreover, any new sponsorship has to be cleared with

government. Exactly as for a ban on advertising. a sponsorship ban would do absolutely nothing to cut overall consumption. But it would unquestionably deprive sporting organisations of often des-perately needed financial support which some 60 different sports have happily and proudly enjoyed through over 30 years of tobacco association.

Yours faithfully, CLIVE TURNER. Executive Director. Industry Affairs. Tobacco Manufacturers' Association, 55 Tufton Street. Westminster, SWI. May 10.

Letters that are intended for publication should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -0171-782 5046.

### Call to open ranks of British Legion

From Mr N. B. C. Evelegh

Sir. As a proud member of the Royal British Legion, which has just celebrated its 75th anniversary, I believe it is time that, in addition to its traditional and vital service to retired service personnel, the RBL should also support those engaged in some of the internal conflicts within our society conflicts which I regard as just as threatening as those on the battlefield.

Until recently the Armed Services were found in every corner of the country, but now no longer. Here in Kent, for instance, the naval barracks and dockyard in Chatham have closed, one of the county regiments has left Maidstone, and the Royal Marines have left Deal. The Royal Air Force, already departed from Biggin Hill and West Malling, is only a

shadow at Manston. The pattern of decline within the Royal British Legion is reflected in its recent annual report, with a further loss of membership and the closing of another 37 branches. In the light of such changes, could not the RBL now welcome into its ranks those who serve in the community front line the unpaid and often unsung volun-teers in the Scouts and Guides and in the cadet forces, the police and the fire service?

Unless the RBL recognises the new order of battle in our society now, when its fine reputation and resources could make it a real force for good, I believe that by the time it reaches its centenary in 2021 it will be effectively extinct.

Yours faithfully, NICK EVELEGH, Hodges Farmhouse, Frittenden, Cranbrook, Kent.

### Quality of TV

From Dr Geoffrey Rivett

Sir. My wife and I are numbered amongst those to whom David Lowe refers (letter, May 9) as channel hopping in search of something worth

watching. We regularly spend time in the US. and while friends tell us that the general quality of the programming there is dire, we would gladly exchange any British terrestrial or satellite channel for the Public Broadcasting Service, available throughout the US. A service largely reliant on public dona-\_tions, we wish it was available in the UK. Cable suppliers please not

Yours sincerely GEOFFREY RIVETT, 173 Shakespeare Tower, Barbican, EC2. May 12.

### Northcote recalled

From the Earl of Iddesleigh

Sir. You underestimate my greatgrandfather, Sir Stafford Northcote. when you refer to him as "prolific" (Diary, May 6). He had fathered ten. not eight, children when as Chancellor of the Exchequer he lived in No 10 Downing Street, having exchanged houses with his Prime Minister, Benjamin Disraeli, in 1874.

His association with No 10 does not end there. One of his granddaughters (not daughter), Dame Flora MacLeod. was actually born in the house on February 3, 1878, and he himself died there on January 6, 1887, while waiting to see the Prime Minister of the day, Lord Salisbury. A unique treble, I

Yours faithfully, IDDESLEIGH, Shillands House Upton-Pyne-Hill, nr Exeter, Devon.

# Afore ye go

From Mr Allan Hird Sir, I have just received from Thomas Cook tickets for my wife and me to fly to Edinburgh in a few weeks' time. They contain an instruction to "ensure that your passport is current and valid including any visas and vaccinations

where required". In the current fast-moving political scene since Labour took office, does the travel group perhaps know something that the rest of us don't?

Yours faithfully, ALLAN HIRD, 26 Elton Avenue Greenford, Middlesex.

### All at sea

From Dr G. L. Bolt

Sir. I shared Mr David Wray's surprise at your navigational confusion concerning Whitby and Scarborough (letter, May 10).

Nevertheless his surmise that Captain Cook would be revolving in his grave is unlikely. Whitby's most famous son was murdered, dismembered and partially burnt by the inhabitants of what is now Hawaii. Only a few fragments of his body were returned to HMS Resolution and they were buried at sea.

Both sides were extremely saddened as previously relationships had been warm and friendly.

Yours faithfully, G. L. BOLT, Il Nelson Street, King's Lynn. Norfolk. May 12

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# **COURT CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE May 13: The Queen, Patron, and The Duke of Edinburgh this morning attended a Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication to celebrate the amalgamation of the Soldiers', Sailors and Airmen's Families Association with the Forces Help Society and Lond

Roberts Workshops. Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received at Westminster Abbey by the Dean of Westminster (the Very Reverend Dr Wesley Carr) and inside the Great West Door by Prince Michael of Kent (President of the Council. Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Association Forces Help) and the Chairman (Vice-Admiral Sir Barry Wilson).

The Duke of Gloucester was received by The Queen this afternoon when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Founder Trustees, this afternoon gave a Luncheon for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association at Buckingham Pajace. His Royal Highness, Colonel-in-

Chief. Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, this evening attended a Reception at St James's Palace. The Lady Elton has succeeded

the Lady Susan Hussey as Lady in Waiting to The Queen. BUCKINGHAM PALACE May 13: The Duke of York this

morning opened the United Kingdom/United States Partners in Technology Conference at the Santa Clara Convention Centre. annorme. His Royal Highness this after-

noon attended a Luncheon given by the Mayor of San José at the Capital Club.

The Duke of York afterwards

the Duke of fork afterwards visited the LSI Logic Corporation Headquarters. Milipitas.

His Royal Highness this evening attended a Reception given by United Kingdom/United States Partners in Technology at the Westin Hotel, Santa Clara, The Duke of York later attended

a soccer match between San José

Spartan Stadium, San José. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** 

May 13: The Princess Royal, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this morning attended Volunteers Day at the Stakis Edinburgh Hotel, Grosvenor Street, Edinburgh, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Edin-burgh (Mr Eric Milligan, the Rt Hon the Lord Provosti.

Her Royal Highness this afternoon opened the Pringle Chinese Collection at the Royal Botanic

Contention at the Royal Bonanic Garden, Inverleith Hill, Edinburgh.

The Princess Royal, Patron, later chaired the third meeting of the Advisory Council of the Scottish Institute of Sports Medical and Scottish Scottish and Scottish Scott Sports Science at the Scottish Sports Council, Caledonia House, South Gyle, Edinburgh. **CLARENCE HOUSE** May 13: The Hon Mrs Rhodes has succeeded the Lady Margaret Col-

ville as Lady in Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, ST JAMES'S PALACE May 13: The Prince of Wales today visited farms and businesses in Hesse involved in the production

and sale of organic food. His Royal Highness arrived at Royal Air Force Lyncham from Germany this evening, Mr Nicholas Archer was in

KENSINGTON PALACE May 13: The Duke of Gloucester, President, St Bartholomew's Hos-pital, today opened the Museum at

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE May 13: Princess Alexandra, Pa-tron of the United Kingdom Falkland Islands Trust, this afternoon received Major-General N.S.C. Gribbon upon retiring as Chair-man, Captain P.M.C. Vincent. Royal Navy, upon assuming the appointment and Sir Rex Hunt, Chairman of the Shackleton

Scholarship Fund. Her Royal Highness. Patron of the London Philharmonic Choir for the Fiftieth Anniversary Year, this evening attended the Anniversary Gala Concert in the Royal Albert Hall, London SW7.

Today's royal engagements The Queen will open Parliament at 11.30. Princess Margaret and the Duke of Gloucester will also

The Prince of Wales, as President. The Prince's Trust, will visit the Trust's "Superstart" programme at Superchoice Enterprise and Education Centre, Osminton Bay, Weymouth, at 10.45; and will op the video conference and technological facilities of the Lord Rippon Poundbury Enterprise Centre. Poundbury, Dorchester at 1.10.

The Princess Royal, as Patron. British Nutrition Foundation, will artend the Conference "Nutrition in Infancy" at the Royal Society of Medicine at 9.55; and as Patron. College of Occupational Therawill attend the Conpists. Will attend the Control terence/Study Day on "Positive Images, Positive Steps" and "The Role of Occupational Therapy in the Mental Health Field is veloping more than ever", at 6-8 Marshalsea Road, Southwark, London SEI at L2.30. Later, she will

antend a King George's Fund for Sallors' fundraising dinner at Drapers' Hall at 7.30.

Princess Alexandra will visit the International Social Service of the United Kingdom International Hall at 10.30.

# of Hexham, OC

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Rippon of Hexham, QC, will take place in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, at noon on Wednesday, June 4, 1997. All are welcome, and those wishing to attend are re-quested to apply for tickets, for this service only, to: The Rector's Secretary, Room 4, 1 Little Cloister, Westminster Abbey, SWIP 3PL, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. Tickets will be posted



The Dean's Verger leads the Queen and the Dean of Westminster at Westminster Abbey yesterday where Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh attended a service to mark the amalgamation of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association with the Forces Help Society and Lord Roberts Workshops

# Memorial service

Mr Ted O'Brien A memorial service for Mr Ted O'Brien, trade unionist, was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Paul Frizzell read the lesson. Ms Anne O'Brien, daughter, read On Eagle's Wing, Mr Daniel O'Brien, son, read Long Walk to Freedom by Mr Nelson Mandela and Mr by Mr Nelson Mandela and Mr John Mitchell read a quote from The Pressmen Apprenticeship, 1798. Mr Sean Geraghty gave an

# Birthdays today

Miss Francesca Annis, actress, 52; Miss Francesca Annis, accress, 32; Mr Richard Balfe, MEP, 53; Dr Hastings Banda, former President of Malawi, 92; Mr Chay Blyth, yachtsman, 57; Professor R.D.H. Boyd, Principal, St George's Hospital Medical School, 59; Vice-Admiral Str. Peter Buchanan, 72; Mr. Delical Cases delication, 73; Mr. Delical Cases delication, 74; Mr. Delical Cases delication, 75; Mr. Delication, 75; Mr Mr Denis Cannan, dramatist, 78; Sir David Cooksey, former chair-man, Audit Commission, 57; Mr Phil Drabble, broadcaster, 83; Sir Owen Green, former chairman. BTR, 72; Baroness Hogg, 51; Mr R.D.C. Hubbard, former chair-R.D.C. Hubbard, former chairman, Powell Duffryn, 61; Mr G.R. Lister, former chief executive, Bradford and Bingley Building Society, 60; Mr George Lucas, film director and producer, 53; Lord McAlpine of West Green, 55; Mr Marsin Moss, former Governor Martin Mogg, former Governor, Durham prison, 56; Mr Edward Newman, MEP. 44: Canon John Oates, rector, St Bride's, Fleet Street, 67; Miss Sian Phillips, diplomat 72: Sir Adam Ridley executive director. Hambros Bank. 55; Sir Leslie Sharp, former Chief Constable, Strathelyde, 61; Mr Anthony Stoller, chief executive, Radio Authority, 50; Mrs Patricia Turner, trade unionist. 70; Judge Adrianne Uziell-Hamilton, 65.

### Service dinner

Royal Signals Major-General A.C.Birtwistle. Master of Signals, attended the annual dinner of the Royal Corps of Signals held last night at the Café Royal. Major-General P.R. Davies presided.

# British couple save city's lost children

IN THE slush and mud of a cold north Moscow suburb, hope for children is in short supply, James Pettifer writes. in the vast apartment blocks of Medvedkovo, the vodka bottle often rules. It is the end of the Metro line, literally, and a place where the alcoholics come to drink. Here six-yearold Ruslan Gurian was rescued from undernourishment, the aftermath of foetal alcoholic syndrome and a drunken

mother. A British charity, the Waverley Trust, has helped him and is rescuing 60 or so other desperate cases from squalid or dangerous homes or the nightmare of the arctic streets. Its home is run in an old state kindergarten building; it is a warm wooden refuge, with a cheerful and unsentimental atmosphere. It has taken five years hard

work to reach its present state. The Waverley Trust was established by Sonja and Ivo Fuchs, a prosperous textile business couple from the north of England, as their personal charity. They formed a close relationship with the Russian Orthodox Church and the renovated building was opened by Patriarch Alexii, although the work of the trust is non-sectarian and non-political.

Children are brought in by the Moscow police, the local social services and even sometimes by parents. They are the lucky ones. Brian Brettell, the headmaster, believes that there are about 25,000 children living on and off the Moscow streets. His aim is to help children rejoin society. We want to get everybody back to their families. We spend a lot of time working with the families."

It is an ambitious hope that is not always fulfilled. But in hard, cold Medvedkovo to have hope at all is remarkable for many children, a place to remember.

If you would like to help the Waverley Trust its address is Unit One, Cranmore House, Market Cross, Malmesbury Wiltshire, SNI6 9AS.

### **Anniversaries**

PERSONAL COLUMN

BIRTHS: Thomas Gainsborough, painter, Sudbury. Sulfolk, 1727: George Barrington, pickpocket and writer, Maynooth, Co Kildare. 1755; Robert Owen, social re-former, Newtown, Powys, 1771; Sir Squire Bancroft, actor-manager, Rotherhithe, 1841: Ono Klemperer, 1885: Eric Morecambe, comedian, Morecambe, 1926: Bobby Darin, singer, songwriter and actor, New York City, 1936.

DEATHS: August Strindberg, dramadist, Stockholm, 1912; Sir Rider Haggard, novelist. London. 1925: Edmund Allenby, 1st Viscount Allenby of Megiddo, Field Marshal, Southwell, Nottingham-shire, 1936. The victory of the English barons over King Henry III at the battle of

Lewes, 1264. British physician Edward Jenner carried out the first successful vaccination against smallpox.

The Illustrated London News was first published, 1842. The independent state of Israel was procisimed with David Ben-Gurion as its first Prime Minister,

Marriage

Mr N.R. Tame and Miss K.V. Ford The marriage took place on Sat-urday, May 3, 1997, at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Rolvenden, Kent, between Mr Nicholas Tame and Miss Kate Ford. The couple now reside in Edinburgh,

### Downe House

Downe House announces the following Scholarship Awards for (1991: U12 Open Scholarships Nicola Koo, Tanglin Trust School, Singapore: Belinda Sheizeck, St Hilary's School, Surey. U12 Erhibitim Edwins Glennle, The Prebandal School, West Sussey Josephine-Draper, Newland House, Twittenham.

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## Lectures

Wellington Society
Mr R. David Rosin delivered a
lecture to members of the Wellington Society yesterday at the Wellington Hospital. Mr Charles World Congress of Faiths

Professor Rabbi Jonathan Magonet delivered the Sir Francis Younghusband lecture to the World Congress of Faiths after the annual meeting held yesterday at the Royal Scottish Corporation.
The Rev Marcus Braybrooke prestded. Mrs Helen Fry and Imam-Dr Abduljalii Sajid also rpoke. Earlier, the Rev Dr E. Carpenter. was a elected patron, the Rev Marcus Braybrooke and Professor Keith Ward, co-presidents, and Mr. Hugh Adamson, chairman.

# Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.C. Goswell and Miss E.V. Marshall

The engagement is announced between Angus Charles, younger son of Sir Brian and Lady Goswell, of Pinkneys Green, Berkshire, and Elizabeth Venetia (Wiz), daughter of Mr. and Mrs Jonathan Marshall, of Beccles, Suffolk.

Mr J.K. Bourne

and Miss Research
The engagement is announced
between John, son of the Hon
Michael Bourne and Mrs Thomas Luckock, and Kate younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Robertson, of Weston Underwood, Buckinghamshire.

Mr N.M.J. Boldero

and Miss R.H. Jerram The engagement is announced between Nicholas Michael John. son of Mr and Mrs Michael Boldero, of Swanton Morley, Norfolk, and Rachael Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Jerram, of St. Albans, Hertfordshire,

Mr P.J. Catting
and Miss T.A. Batesky
The engagement is announced
between Phillip James, youngest
son of Mr and Mrs Reginald
Cutting of Fleetwood, Lancashire,

and Treaty Ann, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Batesky, of Chicago, Illinois, USA. Mr P.A. Deller

Mr P.A. Deller
and Miss M.C. Baker
The engagement is announced
between Patrick, younger son of
Mr and Mrs Brian Deller, of
Haslemere, Surrey, and
Catharne, youngest daughter of
Mr and Mrs Peter Baker, of Groombridge, Susses,

Mr S.B. Hannah and Miss A.J. Rendall The engagement is announced between Brett, youngest son of the late George and Margaret Hannah, of Gore, New Zealand, and Amelia, elder daughter of John and Rosemary Rendall, of Teddington, Middleses:

Dinners

and Miss C.R. Mapleston The engagement is announced between Edmund, son of Mr and Mrs Edward Lazarus, of Stoke

Goldington, and Carol, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Mapleston, of Hayling Island.

Mr N.J.A. O'Donneil and Miss C.A. Lane The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr Christopher O'Donnell and Mrs Pippa O'Donnell, of Brighton. Sussex, and Catherine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Lane, of Epsom, Surrey.

Mr R.C.D. Phillips and Miss M.R. Anthony The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Dr and Mrs David Phillips, of Llangatock nigh Usk, Monmountshire, and Melanie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Linnel Authory of Lintel Challent Lionel Anthony, of Little Challont,

Buckinghamshire. Mr J.G. Porter and Miss K.A. Hardie

The engagement is announced between James Gray, third son of Mr and Mrs William Porter. of Carpoustie, and Kate Arsanda, only daughter of the late Mr Michael Hardie and of Mrs Hardie, of Logicalmond, Perth.

Dr K.W. Ray and Dr S. Gilliat The engagement is announced between Keith, son of the late Mr osswein Keini, son of the late, Mr William Ray and of Mrs Ray, of Loce. Cornwall, and Sophie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Gilliat. of Shobdon, Herefortabire.

Flight Lieutenant A.D.J. Stafker,

and Miss P.L. White The engagement is amounced between Alan, younger son of Mr and Mrs James Stalker, of Polmont, Stirlingshire, and Philippe Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger White, of Tavistock, Devon, formerly of Wilmington, Kent.

RE Museum Foundation General Sir John Stibbon, Chief Royal Engineer, and Mr John Fizmaurice Chalman of the Royal Engineers Museum.
Foundation, presided at a presentation given by Colonel. John: Blashford-Snell and Wr. Richard Snallham last night at the Institution of Civil Engineers on Lord Napler's Magdala campaign

General Dental Council General Denial Council.

Dr. Margaret Seward, President of
the General Denial Council, with
members of the council, gave a
dimer last night at 37 Wimpole
Street. The principal guests were
Professor. Str. Norman. Browse,
Chairman of the John Consultants. Committee, and Lady Browse, Dame, Barbara Clayton, Chair-man of the Standing Committee on Pristgraduate Medical and Dental Education, and Dr Juna Cro President of the Faculty of Public Health Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians, and Dr

# Service luncheon

Sidney Crown.

Royal Air Porce No 2 Group -Air Commodore E.B. Sismon presided at the 30th and fina remion luncheon of the Royal Air Force No 2 Group Officers' Association held on Saturday at the Royal Air Force Chub. Air Vice-Marshei R.H. Goodall, the last Air Officer Commanding of No 2 Group, was the speaker.

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#### Luncheon Phrst Day Cover Club

Professor Christopher Frayling, Rector of the Royal College of Art, was the guest speaker at a lun-cheon of the First Day Cover Club held yesterday at the Sherlock Holmes Museum, Baker Street, to mark the publication of a special set of stamps on Tales of Terror which includes stamps on Dracule Frankenstein. Dr Jelyli pracule, Frankenstein, Dr Jekyli and Mr Hyde and the Hound of the Baskervilles. Mr Keith McDowall presided.

### Receptions

HM Government Mr Nigel Griffiths, Minister for Competition and Consumer Affairs. compenion and consumer Amara, was the host at a reception given by 'Hen: Majesty's Government yes-terday stellaneaster House to mark the: 1997, meeting of the 180 Committee on Consumer Policy. Cariton Ciuh/ United & Cecil

Lord Wakeham, Chairman of the Carlton Club, and Sir Marcus Fox. Chairman of the United & Cecil Chilb, were the hosts at a reception held at the Carlton Club last night. Mr John Major, Leader of HM Opposition, and members of the Shadow Cabinet and their spouses were among those present.

Latest wills Frederick Percival Radford, of

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# BIRTHS

AKERMAN - On May 11th 1997, to Biddy and Bugo, a BAXTER - On 5th May 1977, to Ayes (née Baytaktar) and Peter, a son, James, a brother for Emily and Lindsay.

BULLOCK - On May 8th, to Eatharine (née Wynne) and Stephen, a sob, Benedict Michael john, a brother for James and Edward.

CRAWNEY - On May 9th, to Annie (née Soper) and Silas, twin daughters, Tallulab and Minnie, sisters for Jessie,

GRIPHIMS On May 5th in Grepoble, France, to Catherine and Jon, a daughter, Edith Sarah. HANSEN - On May 8th 1997, at The Portland Hospital, to Juliette and Halfdan, 3 daughter, Madelins Rose.

JAMES - On 3rd May to Alison and Nicholas, a daughte Matilda Alice Cecily, a sist for Samuel and Angharad tunkley - On April 27th, to Louise (née Duckworth) and Robert, a son, Caspar Robert.

MERRIMAN - On 13th May, to Davins (née Brassey) and Christopher, a daughter, Harriet Charlotte Nell.

MOGULL • On April 29th at The Portland Hospital, to Keretin and Marc, a so: Philip Magnus, a brother for PADRINOS - On May 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Elizabeth Anderson and John Padrnos, a daughter, Katherine Grace, a stater for John David.

PAPPAS - On May 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Christina and Takis, a son, Nikolaos, a brother to PECTON - On May 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Charlotte (nés Gray) and Christopher, a daughter, Pactic Rosallad.

ROSS - Alex. Som on Friday 9th May to proud parents Pamela and Clark, brother to TAYLOR-SMITH Wednesday May 7th in Hong | Kong, to Jacqueline (nee Fletcher) and David, a daughter, Poppy Ana Joy.

AMES - On 11th May 1997
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loved bushand of Mildred
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Service will take place on
Tuesday 20th May at St
Misolas Cherra, Crassings as
2.15 pm followed by private
cremation. Family flowers
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Restoration fund. Enquiries
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BARTLETT - On May 10th aged 90 years, suddenly but peacefully, loyce Bartlett (refired Deputy Headmistress Lewes County Gezamar School for Giris). Much lowed annt, Itand end teacher to so many Service at 8t Thomas More Church, Seaford, at 3 pm on Monday May 19th followed by cremation at the Downs Crematonium (Raina Chapel) Crematorium (Main Chapel) Bear Road, Brighton at 4.30pm Flowers welcome, or donations if desired to Lewes Victoria Hospital League of Friends c/o Seniord Funeral Service. Tel: (01223) 873889.

BELDAM - Madge, of Stanton, Broadway, finally gave up the fight on 12th May aged 84. Much loved mother of Richard and Trish and Gaumie to Jennie, Lucy, Vanessa and Charlie. Cremation in Cheitenhan on 21st May at 2 pm. No flowers. Enquiries to Seitm Smith 01242 525 383.

BRUTON - On May 12th 1997 BRUTON - On May 12th 1997, goddenly but peacefully, cocil Tew aged 85 years of Palmwick, Gloucestermins. Much loved husband of Diana, father of Nicola and Simon and grandfather of William, Harriet, James and Molly. The Funeral Service will take place at St Mary's Church. Palmwick, on Monday May 19th at 200pm. Family flowers only by request, but donations may be made to The Pelemis of Stroud Court Autistic Community (FS.CAC) c/o Selim Smith & Co. 74 Prestbury Road, Cheltenhain.

COURS - On 9th May 1997,
Robert, aged 82, husband of
the late Mary, beloved father
of Elizabeth, Peter and
Madeleine, much loved
gandiather of Robert, Luke,
Clare and Thomas and
brother of Georgie and Ama.
Funeral Service at St Jude's
Church, Courtfield Gardens,
London SWB on Monday
19th May at 11 am, Family
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Henri de Marcellus (née Honri de Marcellus (née Hose Mary Gordon Clark) born October 21st, 1902. Mickieham Hall, Surrey, died May 6th, 1997 in Politière, 25 grandchildren. Burial service 2 pm Saturday May 17th, Mickieham Church, Surrey.

FIELD - Christopher Andrew. Died suddenly on May 7th. Aged 40. Much loved hunband of juckle, father of Samuel and Baryl, brother of Shella (Cowley), Timothy and Jonathan. A tragic loss of a line man, taken from us for the Earts Command at 11 am on friday 16th May 1997. Eaquiries to M.K. Ginder & Sons - tek (01923) 247427 for flowers or donations to chosen charities.

GLBHNV - Clifford Roy died peacefully at home 12th May 1997. Service at St Saviour Church, Kings Road, Westelliffon-Sea, 21st May 1997 at 2.30 pm. Committal thereafter at Fouten Read Committen Family flowers only. Donations please to Rheumatolid Arthrifis Association to J.W. Tate & Son., 74 North Boad, Westelliffon-Sea SSO 7AE. GREEM - Muriel Mary Aka Molly, Peacefully on 6th May, Much leved by family and friends, Funeral Friday 16th May St Marylebone Crematorium 2pm. No flowers, donations. Ecquiries Cooksey & Son D181-ERS 1444

MAYMAN - Perceval Ecroyd Cohham, on 12th May 1997, aged 82, a loving hosband of Sylvin and father of Caroline, Punemi 19th May 2 pm at All Salats, Mapperton, Beaminater, Dorset, Memorial Service Chiehester Cathedral in June, Douations to Caristian Aid, Enquirles (01308) 862358.

Hist - Histbath Ginrylla (Betty) died peacefully in hospital on May 10th aged 90. Neek lovel neather eat grandmother. Funeral Service at Chichester Crematorium on Monday May 19th at 12 noon Family Rowers only please. Donations if desired to The Felents of Emissual Cornect Hospital, North Street, Emisworth, Hants. Enquiries to W. Whalghs & Son, take (01243) 372255. HOYE - Miss Eathlesn Main

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MACDOWALL - On 13th May 1997, Jessemine, aged 92, of Old Headington, Oxford. Wife of the late Robert Kennedy. Chartered Physiotherapist, dedicated gardener and much loved and the company of the company Pages 1 and and Andrew. Pages 1 Service at 10.45 am on Monday 19th May at Object Commissions. Family

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# **BUNNY ROGER**

Nell ("Bunny") Roger, conturier, died on April 20 aged 85. He was born

eil Roger was perhaps the last of the dandies, a man with all the great qualities of dandyism: wit. taste, physical courage and an absolute disregard for the opinions of the bourgeoisie. Although a non-smoker him-self, he always made a point of going out on Non-Smoking Day, buying a packet of ciga-reties and deliberately smok-

Neil Munro Roger was the second of the three sons of a self-made Scottish industrialist and government adviser. Alexander Roger (later knighted for war services in 1916). His son derived the nickname, "Bunny", by which he was universally known, from his mother's maternity nurse who looked into his cradle and exclaimed: "It looks like a dear little bunny rabbitl" -

The "dear little rabbit" grew up to be a six-footer with a will of iron and a strong sense of his own (feminine) identity. He never for a moment contemplated following his father whom he appears to have disliked) into the bus, cable and telephone business. For nine years he attended the Scottish public school, Loretto. which he hated; years later on the Italian battlefield when, as he put it, "there were pieces of people flying past my nose, he thought this is perfectly awful but not so bad as being at school".

There is a story that his father offered him a reward if he could make the Loretto rugby XV; when asked what he wanted, he replied "a doll's house" - and got it. Despite what he called the "appalling" teaching he received at Loremo, "Bunny" Roger was ex-ceptionally intelligent and went up to Oxford to read Modern History at Balliol under the tutelage of F.F. ("Sligger") Urquhart. Rumour, has it that he was sent downfor setting a bad example to his fellow undergraduates. Oxford was followed by a spell at the Ruskin School of Art, with a view to dress designing, and in 1937 he opened a salon in Great Newport Street, Afterthe war he reopened his



fashion -franchise Fortnum & Mason and later invested in Hardy Amies, with whom he worked for 20 years until he retired.

Roger was possessed of a cool physical courage in line with his dandy image. During the war he fought with the Rifle Brigade and in the Italian campaign after the land-ings at Anzio saved a man's life in no man's land. The order had been given for a general retreat; Roger stayed

out on the battlefield calling for help. He went out, picked the man up (despite his frail appearance he was exceptionally strong) and brought him back to the lines.

On another, later occasion, at a fireworks party in the small garden of a house in Battersea, a rocket turned back in its tracks and landed in the box of remaining fireworks.. While the other guests ducked and ran screaming for cover, Roger calmly went over

rocket by the handle holding it

upward as it exploded. He was a party-giver extraordinaire. In the 1950s he and his brother held New Year's Eve parties at their house in Walton Street, a tradition which ended when photographs of a fetish party appeared in The People. Pictures showing men in leather, bondage straps and highheeled shoes dragging their wives on the ends of chains and dog-leads outraged his

merely remarked: "I wonder how that man managed to walk in those high-heeled shoes all night."

For his 60th, 70th and 80th birthdays he gave balls in the garden of his Addison Road house, the themes being diamond, amethyst and flame. When Margaret Duchess of Argyll asked him "Why amethyst?" there was a sharp exchange. "Because I like mauve." Rogers answered. "I don't," replied the duchess. "Well, don't come then," he snapped.

At his 80th, and sadly his last, he wore a skin-tight flame-coloured sequinned costume with cloak and a cap adorned with bird-of-paradise feathers. He was a fanatical cook and loved dinner parties. which he gave right up to his death. Like all his parties, these were theatrical produc-tions, exercises in perfection. Flambeaux flared at the foot of the steps, there was candlelight, music, champagne. Delicious food appeared, as if by magic; no one was ever permitted to help, Nothing was allowed to interfere, not his own health (he had terminal cancer) nor the death of his old friend and lodger in the basement flat on the day of one dinner. "Where's Georges?" asked the arriving guests. "Not with us this evening," came the cool reply, "I hope Georges is all right," someone remarked suspiciously on leaving. "I have to tell you Georges is gone." "Back to France?" "No, back to God."

Bunny was immensely elegant, always appearing in sixbutton Edwardian suits, shirts with high collars and, in the street, a curly-brimmed bowier. When asked whether he minded if people stared, he replied: "I'm very cross if they don't." He always wore delicate make-up (even in the Rifle Brigade) and was heard to remark that he had had his face lifted so often that he now had to shave behind his ears.

Despite his waspish wit. Bunny was immensely kindhearted and a loyal triend. For all his apparent frivolity, he was extremely well read in the most abstruse corners of ancient, medleval and ecclesiastical history. His was a unique and life-enhancing personality for his many triends: He never married and is

# SIR JOHN ECCLES

Sir John Eccles, neurophysiologist, died on May 2 aged 94. He was born in Melbourne on January 27, 1903.

BY THE end of his long life John Eccles had become an endangered species, a scientist who believed in the distinction between mind and brain. Though still the common belief of many people, this dualist view has fallen out of favour among physiologists. Eccles was among its last defenders, publishing a series of books that rejected the materialist view of the mind and attempted to redefine consciousness in terms of quantum theory.

Most of his peers believed this to be simply wrong, but Eccles was not discouraged. As a young man in Oxford in the 1920s and early 1930s, he spent years defending an equally mistaken theory about nerve transmission, believing it to be electrical rather than, as Sir Henry Dale correctly argued, chemical. Eccles had been one of the top students at Melbourne University and when he graduated in 1925 came to Magdalen College, Oxford, as a Rhodes Scholar, taking another first and studying under Sir Charles Sherrington.

Although Eccles supported Sherrington's view that the signals between brain cells were essentially electrical, his research work increasingly lent support to the alternative view. After holding the Staines Medical Fellowship at Exeter College, 1932-34, he became a university lecturer in physiology and a fellow of Magdalen. But in 1937 he returned to Australia, as head of the Kanematsu Institute of Pathology in Sydney.

In 1944 he moved to New Zealand as Professor of Physiology at Otago, and then in 1951 back to Australia, to the National University in Canberra. In 1944 he had met the philosopher of science Karl Popper, who convinced him that backing the wrong hypothesis over nerve transmission had not been a scientific failure but a success, because it indicated that the truth lay elsewhere.

Inspired by Popper's ideas, Eccles began the research that was to win him lasting fame. He was able to show that the



tween brain cells - can act to inhibit as well as excite impulses. Without this inhibitory action, the brain cells would be exposed to too many contradictory stimuli. For this work, he shared the 1963 Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine with Alan Hodgkin and Andrew Huxley.

In 1966 he resigned his post at Canberra because the mandatory retirement age was approaching. Instead he took a post at the Chicago Research Institute, which imposed no such limitations. And then in 1968 he moved again, directing research in neurobiology at New York University until

Like his patron Sherrington. Eccles's interests were wide, and he never quite overcame the shock of leaving Oxford for the more isolated environment of Sydney. He listed European travel as his hobby, and with his second wife eventually retired to Switzerland, continuing to write books about the brain, mind, and conscious-

Eccles's belief that the mind can operate independently of the physical processes of the brain was shared by Popper, and they collaborated in The Self and its Brain, published physicist Friedrich Beck, Eccles developed a physical theory to explain how this might happen.

Eccles claimed that the nerve cells fire when ions accumulate at a synapse: but the mere presence of a given number of ions is not enough to trigger the firing. This was because, in his view, the ions existed in a state of quantum uncertainty in which firing was not inevitable, but was in fact determined by the mind consciously deciding which neurons should fire and which shou...' not.

He energetly admitted there was no proof of this but claimed that if would lead to a revival of the dualist hypothesis. His motivation was religious; he refused to acknowledge that states of mind and belief were simply a reflection of the physical conditioning of the brain, which seemed to him to deny free will.

in 1928 Eccles married a New Zealander, Irene Francis Miller, and they had nine children — four sons and five daughters. But after 40 years of marriage they were divorced in 1968. Eccles married a second time, Helena Tabořková, with whom he retired to live in Lugano in

# GEOFFREY PARKHOUSE

Geoffrey Parkhouse. political editor of The Herald since 1975, died vesterday aged 62. He was born on January 19, 1935.

A WESTMINSTER journalist of considerable distinction, Geoffrey Parkhouse firmly believed that the lobby system

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tance than the journalist, and this view informed all his transactions. "Nobody elected me," he would say.
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sources because he never betrayed them. Out of this mutual understanding he wrought a journalism that was always lively and infor-

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mative, and sometimes controversial. His on-the-record in-terviews with leading politicians often made waves far beyond Glasgow. An interview with Margaret Thatcher, for example, yielded the first clear public intimation of her displeasure with Sir Geoffrey Howe: and he published details of plans to soften the burden of poll tax in England before Ministers in the Scot-

Geoffrey Parkhouse was born in Glasgow of English parents and educated at Hurstpierpoint College, Sussex. He took his BA at St Edmund Hall, Oxford, where he played centre-threequarter for the college rugby team. His entry into journalism in

tish Office knew of them.

1959 was by way of a Fleet Street news agency. The variety of work and the need for speed and accuracy made this an excellent training ground. After a spell on the old Daily Herald he moved to the Daily Mail's team in the parliamentary press gallery. The task of the gallery man is to distil the formal part of the political process. Apart from requiring a good shorthand note, it inculcates an ability to select and condense, and develops a nose for the main points of any

news story. In 1965 Parkhouse became a pecial writer on politics for the Sunday Express, contributing profiles of leading politicians and covering by-elections with originality and wit. By the time of his appointment in 1975 as political editor of the then Glassow Herald which, with its old Edinburgh rival The Scotsman, forms the Scottish quality press, he had thus acquired a host of political contacts. For the rest of his career he reported, day in and day out, on Westminster's daily life. His relationship with the paper was cemented by the strong bond of mutual respect and affection - a bond that quickly dimmed any thoughts he may initially have entertained of returning to a Fleet Street paper. Indeed, his standing in the lobby was

unusually high for a non-metropolitan correspondent. To the unperceptive his daily duties could have seemed merely a round of pleasure. It is true that he loved his work and the political world. Yet few journalists were more industrious and committed. Parkhouse rarely

stopped working. He lunched almost every day at the Garrick, often with a Cabinet Minister. After Question Time and statements, he would attend the briefings at which Ministers explain and expand on their formal statements. Then he would canvass widely on the events of the day before. He did not neglect the Lords, where he struck up a friendship with the Conservative whips and often got wind of things that had not yet penetrated to the Commons lobby.

After assessing the results of

his "lobby trawl" he would

phone the paper. His call,

usually about 7.30pm, was eagerly awaited by the "back bench" of senior editorial executives. Often it would require the radical revision of plans for the front page. As deadlines neared his

early training now came to his aid; he might scribble out the first paragraph of his report but the rest would be dictated extempore. The result was what is called in the trade "clean copy", requiring little or no revision by the sub-editors.

Every Monday he contributed to The Herald a political commentary, full of informa-tion and insight, in which he distilled the moods and humours of the world in which he moved so intimately.

In the 1980s he stood out against attempts by certain newspapers to end the lobby

system and force all statements by Ministers on to an attributable basis. The motives of the reformers were honourable. for the system clearly leaves naive journalists open to exploitation by wily politicians, but Parkhouse felt that life was not so simple.

The journalist cannot cut himself off from the private discourse of politicians if he is to understand the chemistry of politics itself. Even if lobby briefings were formally put on to an attributable basis, he thought, a system of "Chinese boxes." would supervene: background briefing would not cease but would simply take place elsewhere.

The results of the campaign to end the lobby were as he predicted: those journalists who followed their editors' orders and shunned them had every day to interview those who had been present at them. Realism, and the lack of solidarity, brought the cam-

paign eventually to an end. He was devoted to The Herald, where he in turn inspired enormous respect and affection. He had a gift for friendship and stylish merriment and gave the paper an exceptionally high profile at the heart of the political

He is survived by his first wife Pauline and the two sons of that marriage, which was dissolved, and by his second wife, the political journalist Julia Langdon, and their daughter and son.

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Algiers May 13 The battle of Africa was ended yesterday, more than 2,000 miles from where it began, by the surrender of the enemy's First Army north of Enfidaville. The Desert Air Force, which dropped the first bomb of the campaign on Tobruk on the morning of June 11, 1940, dropped the last at 3.30 yesterday afternoon, near Bou Ficha. In the last week alone the enemy has lost 150,000 men and immense quantities of weapons. His forces have lost their com-mander-in-chief, the German general von Arnim, and the commander of the Italian forces, General Messe, whose last gesture was his refusal to surrender to any but his old opponents, the Eighth Army. The German 90th Light Division, whose record of valour and skill none would wish to go unrecognized, fought to the end; their commander. Major-General Graf von Sponeck, surrendered to General Freyberg. For the

allies the strategic gains are immense.

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In the absence of Winston Churchill in the United States, it fell to the Deputy Prime Minister, Clement Attlee, to announce to the House of Commons that "the Continent of Africa has been cleansed entirely of all Nazi and Fascist infection.

We have a 4,000-mile voyage to Suez instead of 13,000 miles. We have a string of air bases threatening from the whole length of the southern Mediterranean seaboard the southern spurs of the Axis fortress in Europe. We have secured springboards for the invasion of the weakest flank of the Axis. A powerful and well-tried army, composed of the forces of three allies, is now freed for whatever tasks it may be called on to perform. And, more than all these, there has been forged a single command in which service to the common purpose over-rides national ambitions, and a pattern has been found for the armed force of the United Nations at sea, on land and in the air. General Eisenhower gave the highest praise to General Alexander for his strategy in the final offensive and for the manner in which he had deceived the enemy as to his intentions and accurately gauged how the enemy's mind would work. For 2,000 miles, the Eighth Army had been the hammer and the First Army the anvil. Because of the efficiency and skill with which its long advance had been conducted the Eighth Army had gained a well-deserved reputation as a fighting force, not only among the allies but in the minds of the enemy's High Com-mand as well. The Government have been in consultation with the leaders of the Churches: and all clergy and ministers are asked at their services next Sunday to offer prayers of thanksgiving for the victory. It is hoped that church bells throughout the country will be pealed before the mid-morning service.

Commercial radio is booming but it's no match for the Beeb

# Why Auntie keeps scooping the awards

BRENDA

MADDOX

world took a tip from the television industry and gave itself a hot dinner. Black tie, Grosvenor House. Michael Aspel. all that. Yet the Sony Radio Awards produced the familiar embarrassment that dogged the annual lunch at which it used to give prizes to itself. Two-thirds of the awards went to the BBC.

Surely some lesson here? The BBC still provides the lion's share of the kind of radio that wins prizes. Call it simply "producedspeech". Not mere talk, nor chatter, nor rao, nor phone-in. Not only the formal programmes - dramas, comedies, documentary series - that are expected from the Reithian past. But the kind of radio that comes from writing words down on paper,

perhaps even from doing some research or reading a book and having a producer ask in advance, "What are you going to say?" and perhaps even looking at the material him or herself.

Enjoyment of this form of radio is not confined to the good worthies of the Radio 4 audience who write to Chris Dunkley on Feedback when an announcer says "less" for "fewer". It is found on all the other BBC radio

networks yes even on Radio 1; certainly Radio 2; even, sometimes spectacularly, on BBC local radio. Of course, commercial radio offers innovation and excellence, too. Classic FM's prize as the Station of the Year owes as much to its talk format as to its music. Over the years the Sony organisers have bent over backwards to dream up new categories to give commercial radio something to win: Themed Music Programme, Phone In/Topical Debate and On Air Branding of Station Image. But the BBC, more often than not, scoops these, too.

There is no need to worry about the health of commercial radio. It is booming. Why else would Capital Radio last week have paid too much to acquire the Virgin Radio Group. including a national network and a London FM station if there were not a rosy future? Even if it has been slow work clawing at the BBC's huge share of the national audience, built up over decades of monopoly, commercial radio has advertising all to itself, with annual revenues now £318 million.

But there's no real money in producedspeech radio. In the United States, anything resembling "talks" are left largely to the National Public Radio network. Otherwise. shock-jocks and sex therapists give a bigger bang for a buck. In Britain years of commercial radio regulation have been unable to yield anything much more substantial than Gardener's Forum on Classic FM. Why doesn't Gerald Kaufman.

n Monday night the British radio MP, realise this? Last week he jumped on mild comments made by Michael Jackson, the new head of Channel 4, to call for privatisation of the Beeb. Mr Kaufman's tirade in the Daily Mail does not mention the word "radio" once. Yet privatise the BBC and you lose the lot: not only Kaleidoscope and the Proms, but the Radio 2 Helpline and Radio I's Sunday night documentary. Radio 5 Live and all the local options.

Privatising even Radios I and 2 would carry a risk. (The Commercial Radio Companies Association has raised the question once again.) First, commercial stations might lose advertising to the new competition. But the stations themselves might lose appeal. I suspect that the pulling power of these two crowd-pleasing BBC

networks depends on the absence of commercials. They provide presenter-plus-music with no noxous filler in between. I have yet to hear a radio commercial that doesn't make me want to switch stations. Of course, if Britain were start-

ing fresh today, it wouldn't give half the available radio spectrum to a non-commercial broadcaster. But the BBC is there, astride five national radio networks that draw about half the national audience. You can't take these away without

dislodging the spoken word from its preeminence in the national psyche. It is funny how people fall to realise how dependent they are on the BBC for the kind of radio they like. They don't even realise that they are paying for it. The BBC made a big mistake when it dropped the word "radio"

hen the late Brian Wenham was masterminding the BBC's ill-fated venture into direct-broadcast satellites. I asked him on a panel whether the BBC had lost the envelope on the back of which it had done its sums. "If it has, it doesn't matter." he said smoothly, brandishing an envelope before the Edinburgh Television Festival audience. "I've done them again right here."

As The Times's perceptive obituary pointed out, Wenham, former head of BBC radio and much else, who died last week at 60, was probably too sardonic ever to have become BBC director-general.

Such was his ascerbity that, when the alternative history of the BBC is written, his name will probably not even be on the list (with Isaacs, Fox. Tusa and Dimbleby) of the best director-generals the BBC never had. But it will be high among those counted on to steer the corporation towards the next century. At the BBC, his ironic intelligence ought to have found its natural home.

# The Client's Story

ALL THE glory goes to the creatives and the agencies when a new advert appears. But what of the person who bought the ad, the person who said yes, the person with nerves of steel, the person who crossed their fingers and signed the cheque.



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the person in the bed was their baby son. WAS IT EXPENSIVE All adverts are expensive. WHO WAS IT AIMED ATY

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If anything, the ad is more applicable to
ladies than it is to men.

HOW FAR WILL YOU TAKE IT IN FUTURE? NUDITY: SIMULATED SEXT Absolutely not. This is a celebration of marriage. Nudity would be entirely inappropriate.

ANY CENSORSHIP PROBLEMS? No. There's no editor's cut with the spicy. blis left in.

DID YOU CHANGE ANYTHING! Only bits and pieces, angles on the car, things like that HAPPYT

Absolutely thrilled. WHAT'S THE BEST AD YOU HAVE EVER BOUGHT? The "Search for the Hero" 406 launch

film. I thought it was a massive film. AND THE WORST? A couple of years ago, we can a series of sids for the 405 Quasar. A couple talking about product features. It was the least memorable ad ever.

DAVID MCGRATH

# Bullock has Labour pains

NEW LABOUR has claimed its first adland victim in the shape of Jonathan Bullock, the high-profile, highly vocal lobbyist for the industry's trade body, the Advertising Assoc-

Mr Bullock, who has rallied most successfully for continums commercial freedom and the virtues of the self-regulatory system, has resigned his post after several years in the hot seat.

Being a former parliamentary candidate for the Conservative Party and a committed Eurosceptic, he evidently found the idea of forging close ties with Tony Blair and his team slightly unpalatable.
"It's very different lobbying

a political party in opposition. to having to form a strong relationship with a Labour Government, said Mr Bullock his teeth audibly clenched.

A KEY debate is taking place in advertising circles over the supposed death of the longcopy press ad.

Several older members of the creative fraternity are claiming that the art of writing press ads is dying out.
They say the new generation of copywriters is not comfortable with words and is opting for snappier, singleline executions and big ages rather than big blocks of

The trend is also spiRing over into commercials, they claim, with TV ads increasingly consisting of a series of glitty, disparate images strong together with no real

central narrative or theme. By way of defence, the industry's Young Turks claim they are simply pandering to consumers' shortening attention spans, but one old-school creative director retorts: "If. this were true, people wouldn't still be reading books, and newspapers would be only a series of pictures."

THIS year's prestigious Design & Art Direction awards. to be officially presented at the Odeon Leicester Square on

May 21, have proved to be a primber crob

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More executions have got into "the book", the annual showcase of top creativity to be published in November, than ever before. As many as 18 silvers have been awarded. suggesting that standards are up on last year.

Most interestingly, however, several long-running campaigns for householdname products have also been awarded, alongside the rather more alternative campaigns typically favoured by the

Names such as Persil, Mo-



New broom: Tony Blair

Donald's, British Gas and Walkers Crisps have gained recognition, as well as the more usually celebrated work for such clients as Nike and Lavi Strauge.

"It's not just training shoes and fast cars but tricky consumer goods areas such as washing powder and crisps that are being rewarded, and that is very heartening for the industry," says one hudge.

Only one gold has been handed out however — for the Doctos sponsorship izredits of TTV movie premieres.

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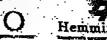
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# Lenny is no mirror image

THE shock defection of Lenny Lattery, lottery reporter of The Sun, to its deadly rival The Mirror continues to perplex some of the friest legal brains

Sun lawyers, already frustrated at being powerless to stop Lenny — formerly Aidan McGurran — taking his celeb-niy name to The Mirror under copyright laws, have now set heir sights on his suit.

The Lotto suit, a fetching perangement of white cloth covered with red lottery balls. was made for Lenny while he was at The Sun at a cost of £1,000. Lawyers demanded its return, but Lenny refused. Now see is flaunting the garment in The Mirror.

Meanwhile The Sun's replacement lottery reporter, the suitless Brian Flynn, was pictured on Monday wearing a cheap T-shirt and plastic lottery hat in his new role.

Brian's name is now Sir Lenny Lottery, but without the suit he looks like a poor cousin of the original Lenny," said an insider. "The Mirror has not heard the last of this."

### Punch and duties

TAKING his lead from the South China Morning Post which recently employed an 'editorial consultant' from China to keep an eye on their staff, Mohamed Al Payed has slipped a fellow Egyptian into the offices of his alling maga-



zine, Punch. Malek Fouad bears the ambiguous title of "researcher". Staff are unsure of her role, "We all like her," says one, "but we aren't quite

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sure where she comes from." Her introduction to Mr Al Fayed came through her aunt, Nadia Youmes, an Egyptian attaché to the United Nations and close friend of the security-conscious tycoon:

### No Wax, thanks

MEDIA opportunities fly in thick and fast for Nicola Horlick, the Superwanan relieved of her El million a year job at Morgan Grenfell.

Four months after her jaunt to Frankfurt where she fronted up the big boys of the Deut-sche Bank, invitations to appear on television chat shows continue to flood in: But the latest offering has caused Ms Horlick to blanche.

Ruby Wax has asked her to appear on her show - an offer swiftly declined. There is not



Wary of Wax Mrs-Horlick

a hope in hell of getting me on television with her, said the mother-of-five. There are two shows I will not do under any circumstances - Ruby Wax and Have I Got News For You.

### Sound of silence

THERE'S nowt as queer as folk — particularly, it seems, in the small mill town of Marsden, West Yorkshire, the setting for the new ITV drama series Wokenwell.

The location manager had to win over local people whose lives were going to be affected by the production. "Inevitably, there were one

or two people who were not delighted to see us there," said producer Paul Marcus. There was one chap, very late at night, whose protest was playing Sknon and Garfunkel records loudly. Fortunately. we were shooting a non-dia-logue scene and it wasn't too much of a problem."







Victims: left to right, Neil and Christine Hamilton, Mirror Editor Piers Morgan and Paula Yates and, bottom right, panel regulars comedian Paul Merton and Ian Hislop, the Editor of Private Eye

# Have I got humiliation and insults for you

asked: what on earth were they The BBC2 programme's history is littered with grisly episodes resulting from foolhardy guests willingly entering the gladiatorial arena to be torn to shreds by Angus Deayton. Paul Merton and Ian Hislop.

When Piers Morgan, Editor of The Mirror, appealed to the audience for mercy he got a unanimous thumbs down. After his own jokes flatly failed to deflect the barbs of his tormentors, he asked of Hislop: "Does anybody actually like him?" 'Yesl" the audience chorused, and he was finished.

s Neil and Christine Ham-

ilton twitched and laughed

over-loudly through their

Have I Got News For You last week there was one question they weren't

herself by calling Hislop sperm of the devil" with a similar result and later stormed off the set. When Roy Hattersley failed to turn up, Paul Merton solemnly sparred with a tub

So, after seven years and 13 series, why do people continue to bound soeagerly into the clutches of their smirking assassins when only someone who has been walking round with a large brown envelope over-their head could fail to know what Have I Got News For You is all

"One theory we used to have was that people just confused us with

Newsnight," says Colin Swash, the series producer. "We got that im-pression when Rhodes Boyson came" on. He went off on some streams of consciousness that left everyone else somewhat baffled."

Mr Swash believes that vanity and a guest's belief that he or she has the ability to hold their own against three highly-paid comedians in front of an audience of millions, is a key to understanding the hapless bravado of those guests who accept invitations, even though they have been asked less for their wit than their value as prey. "Vanity would seem to be a sensible starting point. They think they can do it," he says. "And some of them can. I wouldn't want to discourage people

from coming on," he adds quickly. Before appearing last Friday, Mrs Hamilton, who had been her husband's secretary before he lost his seat, had said that the television fee would be useful in their new life of unemployment. But now she says it was more than that. "We are good

Vanity appears to be one reason why victims walk into the lions' den, says Damian Whitworth

sports," she says. "Neil had never ever seen the programme, but I had occasionally and we knew the nature of it. There were no jokes w weren't anticipating. We enjoyed it. The annoying thing was that after-

could have said." Mr Morgan appeared to be having a less good time when he appeared, but he says now that the critics were wrong when they said he didn't get the joke. "I hugely enjoyed my own embarrassment and humiliation, and was confused that people didn't realise that," he

However, Mr Morgan admits that on reflection his performance was not quite as accomplished as he had believed at the time. "I think it

was a defining moment for the programme which has gone steadily downhill since. But after the 14th video rerun at Christmas even I began to see that my magical wit

lacked a certain brilliance on the

evening, though I deluded myself at "I would advise anybody in the same position to be prepared for the flak if your jokes go flat, but it is better to go on than not. Don't go expecting people to find you hugely amusing. Even if you are that funny I'm sure the best bits are taken out to

make themselves look better." The flaying of victims is well planned. Angus Deayton's oneliners are obviously scripted, but the put-downs from Hislop and Merton are not always as spontaneous as

hey seem. The panel arrive early on a Thursday when the show is recorded and are shown the headlines and topics that will be discussed in order to ensure that their aim is true

When this was first discovered there was spluttering among commentators that the public had been conned into thinking the sparkling wit was all off the curt, but Hislop argued: "Yes, we do run through the material before we film the show. But who cares? The public want a show that makes them laugh and that's what we give them."

The producers say that they do not have trouble getting guests, but admit that they receive plenty of rejections. Politicians are notorioushard to lure onto the show. "We'd like some Tories to come on and have a go at Labour, but we haven't heard back from John Major or Michael Portillo or David Mellor." says Mr Swash. "Nicholas Soames said last week that he would rather be thrown off Westminster Bridge

with his feet in concrete." With Labour in government he fears that he might have more trouble coaxing on game victims from the other side of the House as well. "Mr Mandelson would probably have a

few words to say to them if they did." This would be a shame, because even those politicians without vanity or in need of the £750 appearance fee are likely to be among those most ideally suited to holding their own in the Have I Got News For You circus. "If you work in the media or politics you have to develop a thick skin." says Mr Swash.

fter feeling stomachchurningly embarrassed for the likes of Mr Morgan Land Mrs Hamilton, one can come to no other conclusion than that they have the hides of particularly heary old rhines. Both say they would happily go back on the show if asked. "Yes, of course I'd go back," says

Christine Hamilton. "It's a jolly programme. But you have to enter into the spirit of it and have a large, over-developed sense of humour, especially about yourself."

"I wouldn't hesitate." says Mr Morgan. So long as the cheque

turned up." Such enthusiasm is news to Mr Swash. "Would they?" he says, and it is hard to tell whether he is overcome with disbelief, or salivating at the prospect of more good sport in store.

# The art of drawing blood

S am Chisholm, chief ex-ecutive of BSkyB, and Kelvin MacKenzie, the former Sun Editor who now runs Live TV, are two of the most feared and successful men in Britain, with reputations for being both ruthless and brutal in achieving their

Yet, though both are media lions, both are shy, simply not caring to or perhaps afraid of exposing themselves to the media - which is why it was surprising to see both as subjects of newspaper interviews on Sunday and Monday.

Star interviewers are now

the Shearers and Cantonas of Fleet Street. They score goals for their editors and write the best-read articles in their newspapers, coaxing secrets from the men and women they interview, often leaving them surprised by what they have revealed. That is why even the high and the mighty often tremble at the prospect of exposing themselves to the journalistic equivalent of Anthony Clare's psychiatrist's couch and why many arrive with publicists to protect them from indiscretions.

MacKenzie submitted himself to the greatest potential danger — an interview with Lynn Barber, once the butcher of Richard Adams and Melvyn Bragg, in The Observer, and no respecter of reputation. He need not have worried: Barber confessed that she was not only soft on Unusually, since interviewers are inundated with offers, it was she who chased him; the result was an entertaining read about The Sun (It remains... a great paper). newspapers ("a great, vibrant business"), and Rupert Murdoch, all interspersed with

observations on Live TV. Chisholm was giving his



seven years in Britain. Instead of a "star", he opted for Maggie Brown, a specialist media journalist he trusts, who knows her subject and who described him as arguably the most significant figure in British broadcasting. As a result he got the cover of The Guardian's media section and two inside pages to explain the success of BSkyB.

There were good reasons why both men suddenly decided to submit to an ordeal they would normally avoid. Chisholm's interview was given the morning after the creation, by BSkyB and BT with Midland Bank and Matsushita, of British Interactive Broadcasting. "[He] wanted the world to know what had been achieved and who had achieved it," wrote

better displayed than reviews. The deal for interviewers is that they often get star sub-jects; yet ask them which subjects they prefer to avoid and most often they are actors and authors. "Every director

Live TV in Manchester.

The interviews with Chis-

holm and MacKenzie were

untypical. Neither interview-

ers nor subjects usually get such easy rides. Offering

themselves for interview, sub-

jects want to sell their play,

book, film or political policy without revealing too much about themselves. Yet the best

interviews reveal previously

hidden aspects of a subject's

character, make news and get

talked about, which is why in-

terviews are now such a glam-orous journalistic art form.

The publicists believe that

interviews are better read and



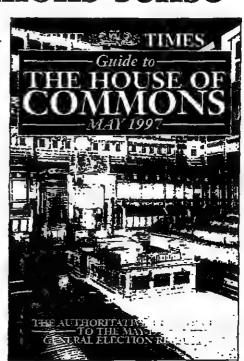
is 'a joy to work with', every role 'a challenge'," says Valer-ie Grove of *The Times*, "If I had my way." says Barber, "I would never interview an actor. They are timid and boring, terrified of saying anything." Grove's worst experience was with actor Rupert Graves. "It was beyond any skill of mine or his to pinpoint the alchemy that makes him a great actor." Authors are better at expressing themselves in writing than through talking, says Angela

Levin of the Daily Mail. Sexual connotations constantly crop up as Levin discusses the art of the inter-view. It involves seduction, a two-year relationship in two hours, sometimes a one-night stand, she says. Yet the most important quality of the interviewer is to listen. "If you listen and win their confidence," she says, "they often say extraordinary things. If at the end, they say 'That was really cathartic' you know you've done well."

That catharsis, the resolution of the tension between journalist and subject, is why the best interviews are often the best read articles in any paper. I count-ed eight interviews or profiles in last week's Sunday Times, among them Gordon Brown, Pavarotti, Paul Theroux, the soccer star Mark Hughes and the cricketer Steve Waugh, all with an agenda to to self. That is why star interviewers are bombarded with calls from publicists offering authors, actors, sports stars and broadcasters who want publicity for plays, books, movies. TV series. With so many pages to fill editors want as many interviews as they can get but the most memorable occur when there is blood on the

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### **NEWS**

### Widdecombe accuses Howard team

Ann Widdecombe, the former prisons minister, accused Michael Howard of attempting to discredit her yesterday as the Tory leadership contest descended into personal abuse.

Mr Howard denied Miss Widdecombe's claims that he, or his campaign team, were behind reports that she had become too close to the dismissed prisons director Derek Lewis, who sent her presents of flowers and chocolates.....

### Higher mortgage payments on the way

■ Homeowners face higher mortgage costs after the Bank of England said that it is ready to raise interest rates. The City predicts that rates could rise from the current level of 6.25 per cent to as high as 7 per cent by the end of the year. A threequarter point rise would mean homeowners paying about £40 a month more on an average £50,000 mortgage ........... Page 1

### Phone charges up

Mobile phone users and cab drivers face higher charges for using the radio airwaves under new laws to be announced in today's Oueen's Speech. The proposals are expected to raise more than £1

### Ulster killings

Ulster has returned to tit-for-tat sectarian murders for the first time in three years after a wave of attacks have left three men dead in as many weeks......Page 2

### School apologises

A leading independent school in Newcastle upon Tyne agreed to pay compensation and apoloeise to a pupil from a partly Asian background who was racially abused by colleagues ...... Page 3

### Opera chief quits Genista McIntosh has resigned as chief executive of the Royal

Opera House after only four months because of a stress-relat-.. Pages 5, 33 ed illness..... Minister rewinds

Britain's first minister for film, Tom Clarke, made a nostalgic return to the Cannes Film Festival, where he once entered a short in the amateur festival ...... Page 5

### Tunnel checks

Eurotunnel must introduce a

### Virtual surgery

Brain surgery in Britain will be revolutionised by a "virtual reality" technique that will make operations safer and enable surgeons to tackle previously inoperable tumours.

#### Swiss lessons

Swiss and Taiwanese teaching methods are to be used to raise standards in mathematics and literacy, and children will be discouraged from using calculators until they are eight .......... Page 11

### Lunch with Lionel

When Lionel Jospin, leader of the French Socialist Party and a selfstyled Blairite, hit the campaign trail in Burgundy his lunch bore no resemblance to Labour's spartan campaign rations..... Page 12

#### Kinshasa curfew Zaire imposed a dusk-to-dawn curfew in Kinshasa and called on

its citizens to take up arms as Laurent Kabila's rebels edged closer to the capital ...... Page 13

### Paper owns up

The San Jose Mercury News has acknowledged that its allegations of CIA involvement in spreading crack cocaine among Los Angeles blacks were flawed...... Page 14

### Peru envov sacked

The Japanese Ambassador held range of Channel Tunnel safety for four months by Tupac Amaru checks and new equipment before rebels has lost his job for failing being allowed to restart the to anticipate the attack on his 

### Brave Ernie gets his own piazza

The main square in the village of Suio, between Naples and Rome, is to be renamed Piazza Ernest Foster, Ernie, who died five years ago, was a private with the 5th Hampshire Regiment in 1944, during the Allied invasion. While fighting in the square he found a baby, Alessandro Lefeno, who survived and has pressed for his rescuer's courage to be recognised ...... Page 1



As the most recently appointed Western European Union Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook was placed in the back row for the official group photograph of the organisation's Foreign and Defence Ministers, who met in Paris yesterday. Page 12

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Competition: The Government is to toughen the rules so that hostile takeover bids cannot succeed unless proved to be in the public .....Page 27

Pension funds: City watchdogs launched a two-day "name them and shame them" campaign against life offices which mis-sold personal pensions ......Page 27

Shell attack: The company's Nigerian operations came under attack from a gang of armed youths as it defended its ethical record before today's shareholder meeting in London . .. Page 28

Markets: The FT-SE 100 gained 21.4 points to 4691.00. Sterling strengthened from \$1.6248 to \$1.6318 and from DM2.7631 to to DM2.7697...

SPORT Rugby union: Richard Best, the former England coach who has been Harlequins' director of rugby

leading players .... . Page 48 Football: Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, hinted that Gianluca Vialli would be held to his threeyear contract even though he has had little more than a bit-part this

for the past two years, was dis-

missed as a result of pressure from

Cricket: Warwickshire took their place in the quarter-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup with a one-wicket win over Derbyshire with one ball to spare ...... Page 45 Tennis: Tim Henman reached the second round of the Italian Open when Roberto Carretero retired

with a thigh injury \_\_\_\_ Page 48

Channel Isles: mostly dry with surnry spells, chance of isolated thundery showers later. Wind light, so therest

#### House on fire: Genista McIntosh donned the mantle of chief executive of the Royal Opera House in January. Yesterday she cast it off

again in a shock resignation. What's going on? ......Page 33 Broadway or bust: A gaudy phalanx of barely-ready musicals has crashed into New York in hot pursuit of a Tony. Benedict Nightingale saw them all......Page 33

Quick fix: The music has plenty of attack, the lyrks are sharp and clever - but the plot of the Donmar's new musical, The Fbc, lacks wit and imagination Page 34 Meet the family: The actor Edward Woodward, recovered from heart surgery, has enlisted family and friends in a television costume swashbuckler .....

TO MOTOR WE WANTED

Withering: Presumably in their best outlits, Labour's female arm

resembles an exceptionally nasty example of municipal planting, writes Jane Shilling ......... Page 16 Waste of taste: "If it weren't for my mother teaching me how to cook by example rather than instruction, I wouldn't be able to cook," says Nigelis Lawson Page 17 Masterly: "Adulation is great.....I

love it." Manhattan's Michael Bloomberg — rich, successful and a fine contender for the title Master 

The client: A new series talks to the executives who pay for television commercials\_ Page 22 Frame game: Why the famous submit to the teasing of Have I Got

Book test: The NCR Book Award for Non-Fiction judges explain their approach ...... Page 32

News For You .....

Britain's election has given a lift to the possibility of peace in Northern Ireland. The IRA may be more inclined to declare another ceastire and Tony Blair ought to reward such a commitment by armouncing will be welcome at the peace talks. on a definite date, perhaps in late summer - The New York Times | for Bill of Rights .....

Preview: Sean Bean's major finds himself doing battle at home. Sharpe (IIV. 8pm). Review: Matthew Bond on the new broom at Laura Ashley \_\_\_\_Pages 46, 47

### The lady speaks

Central bank independence may be designed to take the politics out of inferest rates. But nobody should imagine that interest rates can ever. be taken out of politics Page 19 Chunnel fudge

John Prescott has the political weight to give transport a boost; the Channel Tunnel operators should seize their opportunity \_\_\_\_ Page 19;

## The select few

The committee system could bring some fresh ideas into policy forma tion. It deserves to be made more attractive ...

#### SIMON JENKINS

One arm of Her Majesty's Govern ment this week said it would promote the sale of handguns to foreigners who pledge to respect human rights. Another arm said if would ban selling handguns to Britons, human rights or no. Such are the moral ambiguities of foreign policy \_\_\_\_\_Page 18

### MELANIE PHILLIPS

We believe we live in a liberal society. But our definition of liberal has fallen victim to a mind-ser which says that the individual is PETER RIDDELL

Tony Blair has all the cards at present. But he should not overplay them. He would be wise to be conciliatory when he addresses the Commons this afternoon.... Page 2

SIMON BARNES It seems that the Cup Final is now but an after-dinner mint: an agreeable but frivolous thing that comes after the serious business has been completed. It is not to be confused with the real thing, which is league

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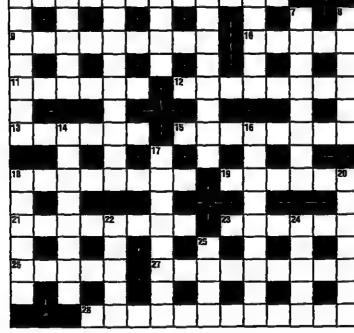
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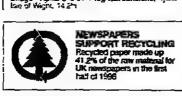
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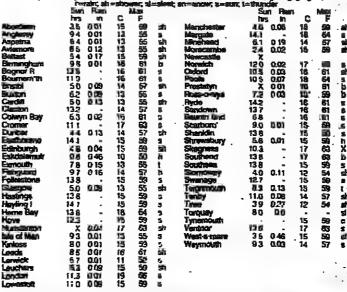
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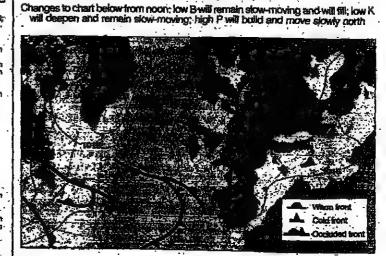
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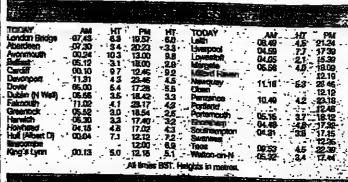
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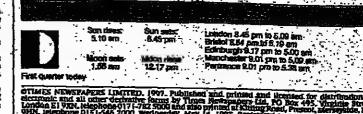
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Sarah and the Woodward family do a swashbuckler **PAGES 33-35** 



# SPORT

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Henman returns to winning ways after injury time **PAGES 41-48** 

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**BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft** 

**WEDNESDAY MAY 14 1997** 



Tony Hales, left, with Tony Trigg, finance director of Allied Domecq, which says that the strong pound knocked £14 million off its half-year profits

# Allied **Domecq** may fight Guinness

day said that it may object to the £24 billion merger of Guinness and GrandiMet on competition grounds, but also acknowledged that further consolidation in the industry could follow.

Sir Christopher Hogg, chairman, said he had set up a task force to study whether the merged company, GMG Brands, which will be the world's biggest wines and spirits group, will have an uniair dominance of any mar-

kets in which Allied operates. The market most likely to cause concern to Allied is America, Sir Christopher said. Seagram, the Canadian drinks group, has said that it will oppose the merger be-cause of GMG's potential for-

dominance in the US market. Tony Hales, Allied Domecq's chief executive, would not comment on whether it had made or received any takeover or merger approaches, but said drinks companies were bound to confer after the GMG deal.

Sir Chrisopher said: "It is clear that consolidation is one way forward for the industry ... Any board is going to be open to opportunities that consolidation might create."

Bid speculation yesterday drove Allied Domeco shares 17p higher, to 46312p, in spite of flat interim results.

Pre-tax profit in the half year to February 28 remained at £317 million. Earnings per share edged up from 19.2p to 19.4p. The interior dividend is maintained at 9.44p. The strong pound knocked £14 million off the half-year prof-its. The company said the full-year figure will be £28 million. Sir Christopher said that the disruption to Guinness and

could offer opportunities to Allied, with some fall-out of spirits brands possible.

GrandMet from merging

# Beckett seeks to curb hostile bids

roduce proposals to make hostile bids much less likely

to succeed. 'A review of competition legislation is to be announced in the Queen's Speech today, with Sir Gordon Borrie, the former director-general of fair trading, leading a Royal Commission to look at all aspects of takeover ruies.

However, Margaret Beckett . is pressing for a reform of the Competition Act, which will shift the onus of proof in hostile takeovers, so that firms seeking control would be required to demonstrate that it would be in the public interest for their bid to succeed. This was Labour Party policy until a few months ago but was not mentioned during the election. campaign and not included in

Labour's manifesto. The City is expected to resist

By PHILIP BASSETT, JASON NISSE AND JON ASHWORTH ALLIED DOMEGO, the THE President of the Board which have generated more purchasers from abroad, bidder expected to prove posi-

the past two years. Among the largest aggressive offers have been Glaxo's £9.2 billion purchase of Wellcome, Granada's £3.6 billion takeover of Forte and Rentokil buying BET for £2.1 billian.

Senior corporate financiers were surprised to see the issue re-emerge as they were convinced they had persuaded Labour that the rule made no sense. The head of mergers and acquisitions at a leading merchant bank, said: "There is no point having different rules for hostile and agreed bids. The only difference is whether the management agrees. These proposals will only serve to protect bad

management." Another senior corporate financier argued that instituting a new element of uncerany move to stop hostile bids, - success of a bid could put off

vestment in the UK," he said. David von Simson, managing director of SBC Warburg, said the way the public interest criteria would work would depend on who was making the decisions. "It increases the level of judgment involved in assessing a bid, because we are used to an environment

where competiton rulings have been fairly sensible." Among the takeovers the City believes might have been blocked under the public interest test are the £777 million purchase of Northern Electric by CalEnergy and NorthWest Water's purchase of Norweb.

Legal advisers privately described the proposed changes as "misguided", and said they would increase the burden of paperwork on advisers, pushing up costs. Jim Wheaton, a partner in Clifford

Chance, said: "How is a

public interest, when so often this is only possible with the benefit of hindsight, and often several years' hindsight?"

At present, it is down to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to judge on matters of public interest. Mr Wheaton said it would be feasible for advisers to prepare a business plan, pointing to potential increase in sales, and job opportunities, but questioned what would happen if circumstances changed, and

iobs were lost. David Hall, head of competition and regulation at Linklaters & Paines, said highlight-ing the public interest element in hostile bids would change the way evidence is submitted to the MMC and enquiries conducted.

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By Jason Nisse and Alasdair Murray

merger with Guinness.

David Tagg, GrandMet's Tempus, page 28 company secretary, said that without the merger the

# Market shrugs off

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

THE stock market reached a record high yesterday in spite of a warning from the Bank of England that interest rates are likely to have to rise further.

Inflation Report, which prompted the FT-SE 100 to halve its gains after climbing more than 50 points.

points shortly after opening, but the FT-SE 100 still managed to finish 21.4 points up on the day at 4,691.0.

rates also gave a boost to sterling. The pound jumped

two pfennigs from its day low to close at DM2.7696, compared with an opening price of DM2.7631.

Sterling's trade weighted index finished up 0.3 at 98.8. The pound also gained over half a cent against the dollar. closing at \$1.6318.

Analysts said the renewed fear of interest rate rises coupled with uncertainty over the mini-Budget could cause some market volatility in the next few weeks. But stock shortages in the main sectors should limit any falls on the stock market unless there is a major decline on Wall Street.

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#### Investment Authority (PIA). the regulator for firms selling direct to the public, yesterday set individual targets for the most urgent cases to be dealt with. More than half the pension companies, including Abbey Life, Allied Dunbar, Equitable, Pearl and Windsor Life have been given until the end of the year. Others, whose internal review systems appear to be more advanced, will have earlier deadlines.

up the scandal.

CITY watchdogs have set tough new deadlines for 25 life

offices and financial advisers

to compensate more than

550,000 victims who were mis-

Those who fail to meet the

sold personal pension plans.

timetable can expect "punitive" fines to be handed down

that will add to the estimated £4 billion total bill for clearing

In a "name them and shame

them" exercise, the Personal

By publishing the deadlines the PlA has put in place the first step necessary to allow executive of the PIA, told The disciplinary proceedings where necessary and comnanies should be under no illusions about the consequences of failing to meet their

These companies include the

Prudential, NatWest, Barclays

and Legal & General.

The PlA said that 570,000 mis-selling cases had been identified for review, where investors were wrongly advised to transfer out of generous occupational and company schemes, or not to join, in favour of personal pension

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Sir Andrew Large, chair-man of the Securities and Investments Board, the chief City watchdog, said: "I welcome the fact that these targets have now been set. The excuses have to stop. Firms can be under no illusion that results are expected from them and expected soon. There is no room at all for the tiniest piece of complacency.

As before, the new PIA measures insist that wherever possible victims are reinstated in their old scheme with no loss of benefits. If that course is not possible then life offices will be allowed to issue legally binding guarantees, which will be vetted by the authorities, including the Department of Trade and Industry, the body responsible for the finan-

Privately. City watchdogs are "delighted" at the timely intervention of Helen Liddell, Economic Secretary to the Treasury. Today, Ms Liddell. flanked by Sir Andrew and Ms Bowe, will leave the 25 worst offenders in no doubt that the Government has put sorting out the long-running pensions mis-selling scandal top of the agenda. .

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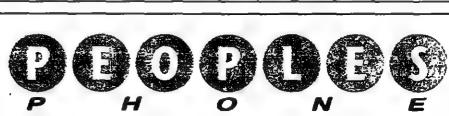
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#### Business plea Business leaders called for

a "real partnership" with the warning against increases in corporate tax and attacking the Government's plans to legislate on late payment of business debts. Page 26

### **BOC** falls

BOC, the industrial gases group, blamed the strength of sterling for a fall in pre-tax profits to £216 million in the first half.



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# Deal could trigger GrandMet payout

GRAND METROPOLITAN, scheme was unlikely to pay may be forced to pay out out because of the relatively millions of pounds to senior poor performance of Grandstaff who were previously unlikely to receive bonuses because of the £23.8 billion

The group's legal advisers are studying the company's phantom share option scheme. to see whether the merger will trigger change of control clauses. George Bull, chief executive, would receive more than £1 million if the scheme is forced to pay out. Bonuses to another 19 directors could a

total of £10 million.

was introduced in 1993. Shares in both companies lost ground yesterday as the City began to express doubts about the real benefits of the deal. Guinness fell 18p, to 584p, while GrandMet de-

Mers shares since the plan

clined lop, to 5752 p.
A number of analysts, including Lehman Brothers and Kleinwort Benson, reduced the rating of both stocks. Analysts said that many bene-fits of the deal, especially in emerging markets, were hard to quantify and would take time to come through.

# Bank rate warning

The City was surprised by the strength of the Bank's comments in its Quarterly

The market also lost confidence as Wall Street fell 21

The Bank's call for higher

the Four Seasons hotel group. Fininvest, the media group built up by Silvio Berlusconi. and Saks 5th Avenue, the department store chain. His most recent large purchase was a stake in Apple

Euro Disney. Canary Wharf.



Prince al-Walced: relaxed

PRINCE al-Waleed bin Talal. the Saudi prince whose portfolio of investments ranges from Canary Wharf to Euro Disney, has snapped up a £25 million stake in Cordiant, the advertising group that plans to split into three later this

The move came with a message of support for Bob Scelent chief executive of Cordiant, who is proposing a demerger giving separate listings for the Saatchi & Saatchi a line of high-profile invest-

and Bates networks and autonomy to the Zenith media buying group. Mr Seclen's objective is to raise the group's share price, which was up 14p to 1294p yester-

day, to the equivalent of 200p. Prince al-Walced said: "I think the Cordiant management has done a very good job so far to improve the performance of the The purchase is the latest in

ments by the Saudi prince, who started his investment career with \$15,000 lent to him by his father. He came to the market's attention when he purchased

a 5 per cent stake in TWA, the distressed US airline, in the late 1980s. This was followed by the successful purchase of 15 per cent of Citicorp, the US banking group. A buying spree in 1994 and 1995 saw him take stakes in

Prince al-Walced's investment style is understood to be relaxed, taking advice mainly from a small corporate fi-nance boutique called Hotel Capital Partners, and Arthur Andersen, the accountants.

# Shell under attack on two fronts over Nigeria

By Carl Mortished

SHELL'S operations in Nigeria came under violent attack from community groups yesterday just as the head office in London prepared to fend off verbal slings and arrows from dissident shareholders at today's annual

Armed youths invaded Shell's Nembe Creek fields in the Delta, forcing the oil company to shut in some 120,000 barrels per day of oil production, equivalent to about 10 per cent of the country's oil output. The attack on the flow station follows a succession of disputes and

hostage takings in which Shell has been used as a target for local communities expressing their grievance against the Government.

Brian Anderson, managing director of Shell's operations in Nigeria, said that the company was being used as a tool to get attention and said that Shell had been pressing the Government for a better deal for the people in the Delta. However, he rejected calls for Shell to condemn human rights abuses by the Government of Nigeria. "It is not my business to do

Mr Anderson blamed late payment of cash calls by its state-owned partner for slow

progress in environmental improvements and community projects in the country. The oil company yesterday produced an environmental report on its Nigerian activities just as a USbased environmental group, Project Under-ground published accusations of environmental damage by the oil company. The document labelled Independent Annual Report alleges that analyses of drinking water in the Niger Delta showed hydrocarbons up to 680 times higher than EC limits.

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Mr Anderson said that Shell's partner. Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation, controls 35 per cent of the joint venture, which produces the bulk of the African country's oil and gas exports and was responsible for an enuivalent share of the investment. However, he said there were continuing difficulties with

late payment Shell's critics, mainly environmental groups and human rights organisations, such as the British Section of Amnesty International, have demanded that Shell take a moral stand against the Nigerian Government but the resolution being put to today's AGM merely calls for effective monitoring of environmental policies and and an external audit of performance.

# Criminal filed against

IN TOKYO

JAPAN'S securities watchdog filed a criminal complaint against Nomura Securities corporate blackmailers.

and Exchange Law.

Nomura Securities. Shimpel Matsuki and Nobutaka Fujikura, two former managing directors, and Osamu Fujita, a affairs department.

alleged to have falsified documents to make it look as if the property company itself shares it owned.

that Nomura and the three executives funnelled the proceeds to the company to help to cover huge losses it had suffered in stock deals. The reason for this favoured treatment was the company's connection with the racketeers' group led by Mr Koike. The executives feared that unless the group was paid off, it might cause trouble at Nomura's shareholders' meeting in June 1995.

Sokaiva are extortionists who threaten to expose dubious practices that are

decided to press charges against Nomura itself as well as the three individuals.

property company owned by the brother of Ryuichi Koike, a prominent sokaiya, or corporate racketeer.

former executive of the general

ROM ROBERT WHYMANT

in a setback for Japan's largest stockbroker, the Secu-cities and Exchange Surveil-lance Commission (SESC)

At issue is a payment of 49 million yen (£251,000) made by Nomura in 1995 to a

In the complaint filed with the Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office, the Commission claimed that the payment constituted compensation of

Named in the complaint are

# complaint Nomura

and three former executives in connection with payoffs to

investment losses, a practice forbidden by the Securities

Nonura allegedly made the payment out of profits gained in its own stock transactions. The three are

apparently rife in corporate

# Chambers call for dialogue with Blair

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

require more than enthusiasm

to deliver the goods. We want

to help. Business must play its

part in meeting this challenge.

We want a real partnership

Mr Richardson said busi-

ness looked to the Government

to consult it fully and hold a

ters to manage the economy to

give sustained economic

growth in a way that did not

harm competitiveness. They

urged Gordon Brown, the

Chancellor, to make "modest

but effective adjustments to

personal taxation" in his first

Budget to take some heat out of consumer spending as people receive an estimated £2 billion

in building society florations. Mr Richardson opposed new taxes on business, but

seemed to accept their inevitability, saying: "Over a period of time it is inevitable that

there will be corporate tax

changes, because this govern-

ment uses the corporate environment differently from the

He crinicised the government plan, to be in the Queen's

Speech, to offer firms a statu-

tory right to interest on late

debrs, which, he said, was

However, Barbara Roche,

the Trade Minister, who yest-

erday met CBI small business

leaders to seek late support for

the plan, insisted that it had

widespread business backing,

even though only the Forum of

Private Business has publicly

Rodney Leach, chairman of

Jardine Matheson, told the conference that European

monetary union represented

"three steps back for democra-

cy for Britain" and had a "fatal" economic flaw.

favoured it.

lem rather than cure it".

BCC leaders called on minis-

"constructive dialogue".

with Government.

BUSINESS leaders yesterday called for a "real partnership" with the new Government. while warning against increases in corporate tax and attacking the Government's plans to legislate on late payment of business debts.

Tony Blair's new administration will today set out in the Queen's Speech a legislative programme with measures of direct concern to business.

Leaders of the British Chambers of Commerce, at their annual conference, in Cardiff, yesterday made clear their concern about the extent of planned legislation, and urged ministers to consult widely with business on measures such as a proposed statutory minimum wage. However, David Richard-

son. BCC president, took a cooperative line, saying: "The new Government has hit the ground running - but it will

# Stagecoach puts £90m into trains

STAGECOACH, Britain's largest railway and bus operator, has placed a £90 million order for 30 trains to replace some of the ageing carriages on its South West Trains franchise.

The company, which cancelled 2,000 trains on the franchise last winter after making too many drivers redundant, is placing the order with GEC Alsthom in Birmingham. it is the largest investment in rolling stock since the railway network was privatised. The new trains will replace only one in nine of South West's fleet - half of which are slam-door carriages built in the 1960s.

Stagecoach promised to make the investment as part of its deal to buy Porterbrook, the carriageleasing company. The new carriages, not expected to be built for three years. will become Porterbrook property and be leased

back to the rail operator. When the trains are built Stagecoach's seven-year South West Trains lease will be in its last 48 months. Charles Beicher, the new managing director of North London Railway, has issued an 800-word apology to commuters for failures on its Birmingham to London service. The franchise was taken over by National Express in March.

# of February, profits rose to Business proposals, page 29 £22.6 million, from £11.5 mil-

BY ERIC REGULY

BRITISH TELECOM expects to learn today that the European Commission has conditionally approved its £13 billion purchase of MCl. America's second-largest longdistance operator.

Approval seemed all but certain after Karel Van Miert. the European Commissioner for Competition, told Radio 5 Live last night that "the Commission will certainly take a positive decision on the BT-MCI |deal| ... We identi-fied two problems and they were offering almost immediately the right answers to the

problems, so we said okay, we can go ahead." BT shareholders approved the takenver of MCI last month. American regulators have yet to approve it. The merged company, to be called

WESTBURY, the house-

builder that expanded signifi-

cantly with the E61 million

takeover of Clarke Homes last

year, yesterday reported a

sharp rise in annual profits

and said that it had made a

strong start to the current

In the 12 months to the end

Concert, will probably start trading in the autumn. ☐ Offel, the telecommunications regulator, is to put price other operators to connect calls to its network. Charges. depending on the type of service, would fall by between b and 12 per cent, less the inflation rate, every year.

# BT expects Brussels | Capital Corp chairman to approval on merger quit after critical reports

consent for 8,700. The com-

pany said that the new finan-

cial year had started well in

The company is paying a final dividend of 4.5p a share,

lifting the total dividend 10

per cent to 6.65p. The shares

rose lip to 264bp, compared

with a price of 150p at the time

of the rights issue to fund the

Clarke purchase.

an improved market place.

BY KEITH RODGERS

GARRY NESBITT, the controversial chairman of Capital Corporation, is to step down from the top job at the casino group, which is facing a takeover threat from London Clubs International.

Westbury at the double

BY MARTIN BARROW

lion, on turnover that ad-

vanced to £220.13 million. from £152.19 million. The

number of homes sold by

Westbury rose 35 per cent to 3,534, with a 13 per cent

increase in the average seiling

The company, whose chief

executive is Martin Donahue,

increased its landbank to

9.400 plots, with planning

price, to £77,142.

He will be replaced by Ernest Sharp. 66, a former managing director of Grand Metropolitan, as part of a

boardroom shake-up. Mr Nesbitt's move follows criticisms levelled at the company's poor management controls, spelt out in a number of

external consultants last year. He will be remaining as a nonexecutive director He also came under pressure for his handling of wine purchases but stayed on when London Clubs launched a hostile bid, which is currently held up by a Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigation.

The company also announced that it had acquired its first finance director for 18 months in Andrew Chandler, finance controller of BT's procurement and logistics side. Desmond Pereira, company secretary, who has

been acting finance director, is leaving. His departure follows last month's mass resignation of li head office staff after a clash with Alan Hearn, the

chief executive. Kenneth Thompson, the former chief executive who was credited in the 1996 report and accounts for overseeing the review of the control environment, has also quit as nonexecutive director. Industry sources said he had clashed with Mr Nesbitt.

# John D Wood target for possible bid

KOHN D WOOD, the estate agency based in central London, has been approached by a potential bidder, it emerged yesterday. The company's shares rose 5½p to 120p, valuing the business at more than £10 million. Savilis, the rival estate agent, denied that it was interested, as did the Woolwich Building Society, owner of one of the UK's biggest estate agency chains. One possible bidder is Hambro Countrywide. John D Wood specialises in selling residential and agricultural property. George Pope, the company's finance director, said: "The offer has come out of the blue." He refused to comment on how long any negotiations might take.

John D Wood has moved from incurring a loss of E497,000 four years ago to returning a profit of £729,000 last year, on turnover of £7.6 million. The company has benefited from the marked upturn in the London property market, where prices have outperformed most other regions of the country.

# Courtaulds improves

COURTAULDS TEXTLES said that trading so far this year has continued to improve in line with the second half of 1996. The company, one of the main clothing suppliers to Marks and Spencer, noted encouraging year-on-year progress in Britain and the United States. John Eccles, chairman, told the annual meeting: "Our reorganisation programme remains on schedule and within budget and at this early stage of the year we are comfortably meeting our overall financial targets." The shares rose in to 285p.

# One owner for Ellesse

PENTLAND, the sports and leisure brand group, has acquired the Ellesse brand for North America for \$16.5 million in cash. Pentland acquired the Ellesse brand in 1993 and controls it everywhere but North America and Japan. The company said that while the deal will have no immediate impact on its profits beyond the loss of interest earnings on the amount paid, the ability to control the distribution and marketing of the brand in the North American market will generate additional profits in the longer term.

# Gotaas-Larsen sold

GOTAAS-LARSEN, the shipping group, is being sold by the Barclay brothers to Osprey Maritime, of Singapore, for US\$750 million. Gotaas-Larsen, based in London, specialises in the transportation of liquefied natural gas and crude oil. After the acquisition, Osprey will own 30 vessels and manage snother six liquefied natural gas (LNG) carriers, making it one of Asia's largest energy transport groups. The Barclays acquired Gotass-Larsen for \$670 million in 1988.

# T&B bids for rival

TIBBETT & BRITTEN has made a formal offer for Applied Distribution, valuing its fellow transport and distribution company at £16.8 million. Tibbett, which announced its company at 210.4 rathon. Hobert, which announced its intention to bid last Friday, is offering one share for every 13 shares in Applied Distribution, valuing each share at 48p. Directors of Applied Distribution, with certain institutional investors, have given irrevocable acceptances in respect of 34.7 per cent of the shares. Tibbett shares held at 622 ap yesterday.

# Rolls wins Brazil deal

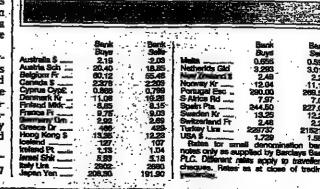
ROLLS-ROYCE hopes for work worth up to \$120 million in a regional sirline, ten Allison AE 3007A engines, with options for 20 more. Deliveries should start in the autumn. The engines will be made by Allison Engine Company, a Rolls-Royce subsidiary in the US. Rolls-Royce yearerday won Civil Aviation Authority approval for a new engine for Boeing 747-400 planes. It is lighter than its 524 predecessor and has a better fuel burn.

# BTR sells in US

BTR, the industrial congiomerate, took another step towards completion of its massive disposal programme with the sale of a US office furniture business. The £41 million sale of AliSteel to Hon industries, of lows, means BTR has sold more than 86 per-cent of the £2.3 billion worth of businesses it identified for disposal. The AllSteel sale was dependent on BTR retaining £12 million worth of liabilities connected with

# **Progress for Thistle**

THISTLE HOTELS, the hotel chain that joined the market in October, said occupancy has jumped 5 per cent in the first three months of the year, with rates per room 10 per cent ahead. It said it is making satisfactory progress in switching from leisure to commercial markets, with revenue from business trips expected to speak for half of turnover by the full year. Analysis are looking for pre-tax profits of £94.8 million (£27.7 million loss last year). Its shares gained 3½ p to 169p.



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oly position in the London market from Monte Carlo and Las Vegas. The commission should wave the deal through and allow Capital's shareholders to decide if they want to back this tarnished management.

company secretary, who had should ensure competition policy been acting finance director. In

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pensate their victims. Should they fail to comply, the clear message from the City's regulators yesterday was that heavy penalties will ensue.

Perhaps their newly deter-mined manner owes something to the arrival of the feisty Helen Liddell as Economic Secretary to the Treasury, for she has wasted no time in indicating a lack of tolerance for the lethargy the industry has so far echibited over the scandal. It is astonishing that, two and a half years after the problem was diagnosed, 570,000 individuals have still to be compensated.

But it is in the industry's own interests to inject some urgency into cleaning up the mess it created instead of resorting to blocking tactics such as threats of judicial review. With the reform of the state pension system, the Government will be redirecting vast sums towards the private sector. To whom that money is entrusted. and on what terms, must be influenced by the way the com-

panies now acquit themselves. From now on the pensions companies must not only move swiftly to make sure redress is paid but that it is a full and fair amount Many victims do not know how much they are owed commission-based investment, and by the time they find out that as they are to the derivatives they have been short-changed it markets:

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will be too late to do anything

about it.

A number of the mis-sold personal pensions plans were bought from independent advis-ers who have subsequently gone out of business. The financial burden of compensation should not fall on the already hard pressed Investors Compensation Scheme but back on the pension providers. To cry, as they have so

providers. To cry, as they have so often in the past, that in law there is no duty of care on the life office is unacceptable.

The industry should pay up, and fast. And it should then concentrate on ensuring that such disgraceful mis-selling. never occurs again,

That may require more drastic measures than optimistic compliance plans. What is required is a complete change of culture.

Many life offices have already

moved to paying a basic salary to sales staff but the carrot held out to the ambitious is that they can make their fortunes. Fine incentivise staff by all means but the warnings from watchdogs over "star" City trader salaries and the risks they pose to corner cutting are just as applicable to personal pensions or indeed any commission-based investment,

COMMENTARY by our City Editor spent the past few years adjust-ing to the well-defined role of Recruiting the right sales staff is crucial to the success of any financial operation, but what calibre of person is being tar-geted in a job advertisement that reads as follows: "You should earn at least £20,000 in your first

year. but £30,000 is probably more realistic. After that, thanks to a unique high-performance bonus package, your drive and ambition will deliver rewards upper the slave really is the limit? where the sky really is the limit." Is that a fitting job description for a guardian angel?

### Cassius delivers a farewell soliloquy

ddle George may have been delighted with Gor-don Brown's action-man decision to give the central bank operational control of interest and exchange rates. But the authors of the Bank of England's Quarterly Inflation Report were caught as much in mid-stride as everyone else. The Governor has

monetary advocate in an open dialogue with Kenneth Clarke. Yesterday's report was another example of Cassius George persuading the Chancellor's Brutus to do the dirty deed, except that Brutus Brown has exited right and absented himself for the rest of the play. Debate will not be re-estab-

lished fully until outside mone-tary commissioners are co-opted.

With the insiders, they will make an eight-strong decision-making committee for the interim period before Mr Brown can enact his changes, bring in another deputy governor and, by the way, neu-tralise Mr George's casting vote. Regardless of the numercial balance of power, this committee will have to produce Inflation Reports in a different tone. They should deliver a judgment rather

than merely stating the case for the prosecution. That responsibility will present the committee with old

questions that stand out in yesterday's report but which the Bank as advocate did not need to answer. In the drive to curb inflation, is a rise in interest rates the equivalent of a tight, taxraising Budget, or do powerful monetary influences boost infla-tion regardless of fiscal policy and total demand?

The bedrock of the Bank's hawkish stance is that the economy is growing faster than its sustainable long-term trend. Even if you accept that, pending another raft of optimistic supplyside reforms, it can be dealt with as easily through fiscal policy with less pain to manufacturing, investment and the housing market. But the Bank does not think that is enough. So, just in case, it is now making more noise about excessive growth of money supply and credit, which have been eglected of late.

There may be only a difference of degree between the economy growing too fast for its own good and money demand growing too

fast for the economy to supply. But there can be a big difference for policy. in the latter former case, higher interest rates are better targeted. By the time the new committee has begun to argue that one, however, Mr Brown will have delivered his first Budget. There is no call for any further monetary action until that has been fully digested.

### Capital Corp shuffles the pack

apital Corporation seems to be losing confidence in its abilities to fend off London Clubs International. While the Monopolies Commission is deciding whether to allow this bid to be put back on track, the Capital board is indulging in some rapid restructuring.

Garry Nesbitt is relegated to non-executive status. The man who made his fortune from founding the Our Price chain of record shops was increasingly seen as a liability in the betting business. Leaving with him are Kenneth Thompson, the former managing director who apparently was not getting on with the rest of the board, and the Beckett's law

☐ THE public interest is wonderfully variable concept. If Margaret Beckett has her way and contested bids are to be judged on this criteria, we can expect some imaginative submissions from corporate financiers and their clients. But are lower prices more in the public interest than more jobs? The answer will lie with the Secretary of State and its subjectivity

# **BOC** blames pound for interim decline

BOC, the industrial gases group, blamed the strength of sterling for a decline in pre-tax profit in the first six months of its financial year.

The pound damaged export margins at BOC's Sussexbased vacuum technology business and the translation of overseas profits into sterling left group pre-tax profits at £216 million (£217 million). after a 2 per cent fall in sales: However, Danny Rosen-

ic region and in the US. On. constant exchange rates, BOC's turnover would have

kranz, BOC's chief executive, said the company had made good progress, with strong demand from the North Parit-

was worst affected by the enhanced value of the pound. Profits of £24.9 million for the six months to March were 29 per cent down on the first half of the previous year; with 13 per cent of the decline through loss of margin from currency movements. Edwards exports 90 per cent of its products, of which half are pumps used to

vacuum technology business,

recently suffered a downturn. Mr Rosenkranz said the semiconductor equipment in-dustry was still relatively depressed. For the next year to 18 months; this industry could tax profits up 6 per cent. ..... strong underlying growth un-Edwards, BOC's struggling til the end of next year or

create the vacuum needed in

the manufacture of semicon-

ductors, an industry that has

1999," he predicted. BOC's core industrial gases business raised operating profit 1 per cent to £199 million, mainly because of strong profit gains in Japan and other North

Pacific markets. BOC's US gases business was held back by the cost of a 64 million restructuring and the translation of dollar profits into sterling but the company expects to benefit from robust demand. Weak manufacturing output in the UK in the first quarter kept the lid on growth in the UK, where BOC faces stiff price competition in the market for liquefied gas. BOC's healthcare division. still being affected by competianaesthetic product, saw profits fall 8 per cent, to £26.]

million. The company said that price erosion was slowing and Forane was holding its share of the market.

Mr Rosenkranz said that BOC hedged the currency risk in transactions, mainly for its vacuum technology business. BOC's cashflow grew strongly in the first half because of better control of working capital but capital expenditure also rose, from £324 million to £359 million. BOC is paying a second interim dividend of 14.5p in August, after earnings of 28.37p a share, up 2 per cent on the previous year. Excluding the effect of currency translation, earnings would have grown 7 per cent over the

# Danka expects to slice \$100m from Kodak costs

BY FRASER NELSON

DANKA, the business systems supplier that doubled in size in January after swallowing Kodak's photocopying arm, said that it should squeeze \$100 million of cost savings from the acquisitions over the next two years.

The company, which agreed to pay £440 million for the lion's share of Eastman Kodak's office supplies division last September, said that the integration was going well and should be largely complete within 14 months. A three-month contribution

ion before Kodak, generated

Mark Vaughan-Lee, chair-

£143 million of the profit.

David Evans, research and development director of Zeneca Agrochemicals, sald: from the Kodak business The acquisition . . . fits well helped sales to jump by 67 per cent, to £1.32 billion, in the year to March 31, with gross with Zeneca's strategy of developing a strong position in plant biotechnology." profits at £198 million (£98 million). Newly- equired busi-Mogen develops technolnesses, which cost \$200 mil-

ogy that gives crops such as wheat and barley resistance to fungal diseases.

Zeneca to pay £46m for

**Dutch firm** ZENECA, the drugs and

agrochemicals group, has agreed to pay £46 million for a Dutch biotechnology com-

pany that uses genetic modification to develop improved crops (Eric Reguly writes).
Zeneca is buying Mogen international, whose shares are on the milisted securities

market in Amsterdam, with a

public share offer at £4.46 a

share. Shareholders repre-

senting 51 per cent of the

equity have accepted the offer. The takeover should be

completed next month.



Vaughan-Lee: margin aim

man, said that Danka was confident that it could raise margins in the Kodak business from 2.9 per cent to the 9 per cent enjoyed by the rest of the group. This would have delivered an extra \$100 mil-

He said: "It does sound ambitious, but we have been

doing this frequently with our other acquisitions."

Mr Vaughan-Lee said that Danka would be easing away from making acquisitions this year, and concentrating on bedding in the Kodak company. He said: "If you look at the cost saving we intend to produce from this. Kodak will have made enough acquisitions for the next three years."

The company took a £45.6 million charge for the costs of integrating the Kodak busi-ness, with £20.6 million taken in the fourth quarter as borrowings rose to £775 million.

This cut pre-tax profits to £29 million, from £53.9 miltion, and earnings per share to 0.3p (5.7p). A final dividend of 1.3p, due on July 28, takes the total to 2.6p.

Danka shares, which have recovered from a low of 425p,

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# Doubled operating profits for GA

BY ADAM JONING

GENERAL ACCIDENT more than doubled operating profits to £114 million (£55 million) in the first quarter of 1997, as better winter weather reduced

The market expected yesterday's quarterly results to be General Accident's share price has outperformed the sector by 11 per cent this year. The shares dipped from

963p to close at 9572p.

Profit before tax was £328 million (£109 million). This figure was boosted by a £220 million gain realised as General Accident moved investments out of equity markets and into bonds. The shift, accounting for

about a tenth of the equity portfolio, is part of an ongoing policy of focusing risk on insurance activities rather than investment.

The worldwide underwriting result rose by £50 million. including a reduction in severe weather payments of E30 million. Worldwide premium in-

come rose slightly to £1.51 billion (£1.47 billion). British underwriting activities made £6 million profit (£11 million loss). Sales of life and pensions products were up 9 per cent worldwide.

Bob Scott, chief executive, said the UK market, the largest source of general underwrining income, was still tough, despite the first quarter improvement: "We remain vigilant in the competitive environment which is clearly evident in most classes of business.

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Carch 31, the group had the ber 3. billion under management. 712p to 75p.

# Sedgwick to seek listing in New York

BY ADAM JONES

SEDGWICK GROUP, the UK's biggest insurance broker, is seeking a listing on the New York Stock Exchange. It also announced results yesterday for the first quarter of 1997 showing a dip in pre-tax profits to £43.5 million (£45.3 million). The company blamed the fall on the strength of sterling, which pulled back

profits by £3.4 million.

Sedgwick is currently traded on an informal basis in the US over-the-counter market. Stuart Tarrant, finance director, said that the broker wants to increase the number of US investors through a Wall Street listing of American depositary shares. They ac-count for only 10 per cent of the shareholder base, even though more than 40 per cent of the company's business is drawn from the US. The goal is for a third of shareholders to

be American.
Mr Tarrant said that the US values insurance brokers up to 25 per cent higher than London. The company hopes there will be a knock-on effect on its UK rating, which has dropped from 272p in 1991 to about 130.5p. Wall Street trading should start in June. In the first quarter of 1997,

revenue fell to £244.5 million. from £254.9 million in the corresponding period last year. Saxon Riley, chairman, said the broker is looking to opportunities in Europe similar to April's joint venture with Nikols, Italy's largest broker. He said: "We are exploring further opportunities to develop our presence in continental

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Marcus Margulies gave a warning on future growth

# Time shares suffer

SHARES of Time Products suffered their sharpest one-day fall in ten years yesterday after the watches and handbags company said that its recent progress had been established on potentially shaky ground (Fraser Nelson writes). The company met market

expectations by lifting pre-tax profits to £22 million (£16.6

lies, chairman, said: should not be assumed that the remarkable growth generated in recent years will be sustained over the longer term." Shares plunged 44p to

361 pp. Earnings rose from 20.2p to 26.2p. A final dividend of 7.5p lifts the total to 12p (10p), due

Europe, where the broker's role is still underrated . . . "

THE News Corporation, parent company of The Times, is ware publisher.

Puji, one of Japan's largest terrestrial broadcasters, will

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Fuji links with JSkyB

to announce this morning that the Fuji Television Network will join JSkyB, its satellite broadcasting business in Ja-pan. Fuji will become an equal partner along with Sony and Softbank, the Japanese soft-

provide programming content and technology to JSkyB, which aims to broadcast 150 channels by next spring. Analysis said the Fuii deal will give JSkyB a competitive edge over DirecTV, which wants to start a Japanese





# Shares drop back after breaking through 4,700

THE London market soured through 4,700 for the first time as share prices norched up their eighth consecutive day of closing record highs.

Again, it was prompted by another solid performance overnight on Wall Street that carried the Dow Jones industrial average 123 points higher. The FT-SE 100 index was

50,7 higher at one stage, but eventually saw those early gains halved as New York showed signs of consolidating its position. The index finished 21.4 up at a new closing high of 4,691.0. It has now enjoyed !! consecutive days of gains, stretching the lead in the index to 321.3, or 7.3 per cent.

Stock shortages and the absence of institutional sellers continues to squeeze prices higher in a market already short of stock. Not even the warning from the Bank of England in its latest quarterly inflation survey emphasising the need for further rises in interest rates could dampen

The Guinness/GrandMet merger has also generated a revival in takeover speculation. Brokers say the financial sector seems the most likely target for action. Last night the gossips were talking about a bid of £12.50 a share for Abbey National, up 3812 p at a new high of 9572p. from HSBC. down 82p at £18.20. This would value the Abbey at £17.5 billion. But the speculation provided further impetus to other potential targets in the sector with Royal Bank of Scotland adding 25 p at 6492 p, and Bank of Scotland ם בל 426 וג ס 100

SmithKline Beecham stood out with a rise of 22p at El0.64. Hugh Collum, finance director, is talking to brokers this week. He has already spoken to NatWest Securities and UBS and is confident of achieving 15 per cent earnings growth. US buying also drove up Zeneca, 2412 p at £19.6712. and Glazo Wellcome, 33p better at £12.4412. Cortees 26812p on the back of an encouraging update on trials for its esteoporosis treatment.

The strong pound is reckoned to have cost BOC Group £23 million during the first six months, but brokers expressed approval at the group's performance and this was reflected in the price, up

APV rose 2p to 109p after Siebe raised its holding in the



Danny Rosenkranz, left, and Tony Isaac saw BOC's price leap

company to 9.7 per cent. Its broker Dresdner Kleinwort Benson paid 107p for a total of 20 million shares. The terms from Siebe. up 16p at 987p. value APV at £327 million. Hopes that another bidder may emerge appear to be

The news that billionaire Prince al-Waleed bin Talal had paid \$40 million for a 3 per cent stake in Cordiant

lifted the price 12p at 1292p. Cordiant owns the Saatchi & Saatchi advertising agency and last month announced plans to demerge into three separate divisions.

Bid speculation prompted a rise of 19p to 3222p in Christie's International. Only last week Joseph Lewis, the financier, raised his stake in the fine art auctioneer to just under 30 per cent. Now there is talk he



Further reflection on their proposed £23.8 billion merger left Guinness 18p off at 5844p and Grand Metropolitan 16p lighter at

Lehman Brothers has refor Guinness from "strong buy" to "outperformer". while Dresdner Kleinwort Benson says clients should switch from Guinness into GrandMet.

Matthew Jordan, Kleinwort, said: "We think it's a good merger but better for GrandMet than Guinness. It's better to be more heavily weighted to-

wards GrandMet." Even so, there are growing fears that the deal will be re-

ferred to the Monopolies

and Mergers Commission. Now the speculators want to see if Allied after yesterday's figures, can conjure up a similar

"I don't see any deal with Allied for 18 months," Mr Jordan said. Last year, Allied reached 55op, but it has been depressed by restructuring moves and the slowness in resolving the down 3.30 points at midday to Carlsberg Tetley disposal.

There was heavy turnover in Sears with the price expanding 12p to 78p as a total of 12.2 million shares changed hands, Whispers in the Square Mile claim Merrill Lynch, the broker, is trying to pick up a total of 25 million shares ahead of going ex dividend on Monday.

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WH Smith dipped 92p to 4702p as SBC Warburg dropped its recommendation for the shares from a "buy" to

Group touched 458's p before seeing its lead reduced to close 'ap firmer at 452p. By moving above the level, the chartists claim the shares have staged a "breakout" and could be set to make further headway.

Meristem dropped 912p to 57'20 after warning that prolits for the first half would substantially fail to match those reported in 1996.

A profits warning also left Roskel nursing a 12p fall at 67p. The group's distribution division had failed to live up to expectations.

A jump of one-third in profits at Time Products last vear failed to impress brokers and left the shares nursing a fall of 44p at 3612p. ☐ GILT-EDGED: Monday's

expectations. In the futures pit; the June series of the long gilt finished £732 lower at £114732 in heavy turnover that saw 111,000 contracts completed.

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gains were reversed after the

Bank of England set the record straight and gave warning in its latest inflation survey that interest rates will need to rise again. The Bank of England has confirmed the next auction will include the issue of £1.5 billion of Treasury 7 per cent 2002 and £1.5 billion of Treasury 8 per cent 2021. The total amount being issued was at the lower end of

In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 finished a tick lower at £1091532, while in shorts Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £316 off at £1031732. NEW YORK: Blue chips spent most of the morning in negative territory, with the Dow Jones industrial average

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shareholders want to look forward to. As ever, the marker's response to a policy vacuum is to inject bid speculation and GMG tornado.

have no strategy to respond.

problem for investors is that Allied appears to

opportunities emerging from its rivals' merg-

er. The prospect of a lew weak brands being

swept from the Guinness and GrandMet.

cupboards is not the sort of thing Allied

Allied troops in disarray Allied's price reacted accordingly. The interim figures were neutral, punished by the IF THE market was caught on the hop by the Guinness/GrandMet merger, it is nothing strength of sterling but hardly good enough to compared to the shock waves that went push the shares up 18p. Retailing profits fell through the Allied Domeon boardroom. One but Allied is at last making serious efforts to of its directors confessed to cutting himself build its portfolio of also-ran spirits brands. shaving on Monday morning when he heard the news on the radio but the core of the

Although the best deal in the drinks sector has now been done, others are expected to follow. A merger of Seagram and Allied Domeco, for example, would result in overlap in brand categories but that does not preclude a deal. The monolithic GMG Brands will The company's muted reaction speaks volumes about the internal confusion, as do vague claims that Allied could benefit from

drive smaller companies together.
Allied's shares have lacked the lustre of Guinness and GrandMet and are still a long way from their 502p peak of a year ago. They hardly deserve outperformance but they could be swept even higher in the wake of the

### **BOC Group**

CURRENCY is a red herring for BOC investors. The company made much of the pain from the rise of the pound, but the real issue is whether ROC's non-core businesses can deliver the goods.

The semiconductor industry's well-publicised recession is hurting BOC's vacuum pumps business. Like any nascent high-tech industry, the production cyde is boom and bust, a fact that raw material suppliers to Intel and Motorola have learnt to their cost. Yet BOC's pumps, which create the vacuum necessary for the manufacture of semiconductors, are capital equipment, not raw materials. While order books are said to be on the mend, it will take a longer time for

the electronics industry to

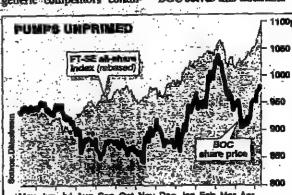
build factories and order

equipment. In the meantime. BOC suffers price pressure, the pumps sell for half their. value five years ago and UK manufacturing is becoming more expensive if your ens tomers are in Asia and paying in dollars.

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BOC's pharmaceutical business, meanwhile, weakens as price erosion from generic competitors continues to affect Forane. The loss of a patent is troubling enough for the pharmaceutical giants, with pipelines stuffed with new products. Why should BOC expend time and money ploughing away at this market in the hope of securing another

The shares will drift until BOC solves this dilemma.



### General Accident

THE market likes Bob Scott. chief executive of General Accident. The insurer's share price has risen from about E7 to nearly £10 this year.

One reason is the prescient purchase of Provident Mutual for £170 million in 1996. sufficiently ahead of the fashion to give Mr Scott and his team real credibility. Another is the shift in its investment portfolio.

As the general insurer redated bonds, (A is also trim-ming its share portiolio, in the first three months of the year, equity holdings fell from £2.24 billion to £2.08 billion, much of it remvested in short-dated bonds, effectively cash. Since 1995, the equity component of its in-

vestment portfolio has fallen from 33 to 24 per cent: image of a company that takes risk on its customers,

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then magnifies that risk in the markets. In spite of the danger of missing out on the seemingly inexhaustible UK: and US bull run, the market has obliged by rerating the stock. GA's premium to asset value now stands at about 33 per cent, well at the top of a buoyant sector:

There are still good things to come from Mr Scott and yesterday's first-quarter prof-its were nice, but it would be better to buy when the premium is about half this value. At present it is all in the price.

Danka IKY as it may Dankas and ing the City that this dealdriven machine can deliver

results.
After doubling in size by swallowing the best part of Kodak's photocopying business and beating market expectations with a solid set of results, the shares still lan-

failed to grasp the enormity of the Kodak factor. It brings \$1.6 billion sales on 2.9 per cent margins, while Danka has proved itself adept at squeezing a 9 per cent return from its other acquisitions.

It it succeeds in whipping Kodak into shape -- and yesterday's results gave no indication it will not. Danka should deliver earnings of 40p next year and 70p in 1999. That prices the shares at a 30 per cent discount to the market.

Danka has delivered a few frights in the past, but it has a reasonable chance of delivering a good return from the sight. Over 60 per cent of its sales come from servicing guaranteeing business for some time to come. If it accomplishes anything approaching its target, the shares look cheep.

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we are told, for the most radical Budget for 50 years, it is billed to tackle work incentives, youth unemployment, short-termism, inequality and the fiscal deficit, to name but a few, and all without raising personal tax rates. Whatever history may have to say about Chancellor Brown, he will hardly be accused of over-modest ambitions (a)though he must try to break his habit of talking accusing of the Government" as if he was not now part of it). On the contrary, fellow Cabinet members may be wondering if there is any room left for them to be radical. Now

this would be over-modest. Consider, for example, the fat cats, and how they make themselves still richer. Do you imag-ine that they are feeling a little

# More than one way to skin a fat cat

queasy? I doubt it. Cat food is provided in many different ways: long comracts with golden hand-shakes for failures, heads-I-win, tails-you-lose performance bonuses, huge fees for solving nonproblems in agreed mergers; the results of those mergers — bigger salaries, less comeptition, and so more time for golf: share buy-ins which trigger return-on-equity rewards . . .

There is no need to nauseate you with a longer list. The real point should already be clear: these ills have little to do with tax regimes, and everything to do with boardroom capitalism as it is now practised. The theory

sound great: shareholder control and shareholder value. The truth, as the City radicals keep reminding us (the Government should listen to Alastair Ross-Goobey on boardroom abuses, not sack him for his politics) is that the value is all bread and circuses, and the control is a sham. Thanks partly to spineless insitutions, and partly to the idiocies of insider dealing laws, we see the shareholder as mushroom: kept in the dark, and covered with ... you know the rest. Not a Treasury matter: Trade and Industry, rather.

Oh not Not corporate governance again? These two words are the most powerful soporific



since Temazepam; but the subject ought to be exciting, and I have a modest proposal. Establish a new class of insider shareholder, locked in but properly informed, and sitting, angrily if need be, on

the Board. How? Here is how it might work. First, the insider dealing laws

would have to be changed to allow full information to a class of trusts as investment vehicles for pension funds and others interested in the long haul.

These trusts would be forbidden to trade in the shares they hold without giving, say, 30 days' notice of their intentions. This would no doubt have to be cleared through Brussels, so I cannot pretend that this is a short-term cure for short-

In return for illiquidity, the trusts would receive full man-

agement accounts. They would no doubt insist on board seats (especially on the remuneration committee). In the long run, this might be something like shareholder control.

The standard objection to any proposal for increased institutional control of the board is that the institutions have nobody fit to exercise it. Lord knows, old boy, it's hard enough to find half-way decent outside directors as it is. This objection, though, seems to enore market forces.

It might be hard at first; but i long-term trusts controlled big blocks of shares, things would soon change. Big institutions

which relied on their nominees to look after their solid long-term interests would surely find ways to recruit suitable people for the

But can we get there from here, as the Irishman said? Not, surely. if the only temptation is the promise of more information. This, though, is where Gordon Brown might get in on the act

He talks of tax incentives for long-term investment, and there are rumours of attacks on existing institutional tax privileges. So it would be logical to provide tax loopholes for institutions which would be long-term by legal

definition.
A stakeholder's Budget, then? Not this time, I must admit. But not even Gordon Brown can hope to build the future in one day.

# What industry can expect from the Queen's Speech

**Philip Bassett** 

outlines the measures that could change the business

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s she peers through: her spectacles to read her first Queen's Her Majesty will today announce a series of measures destined to change radically the business environment.

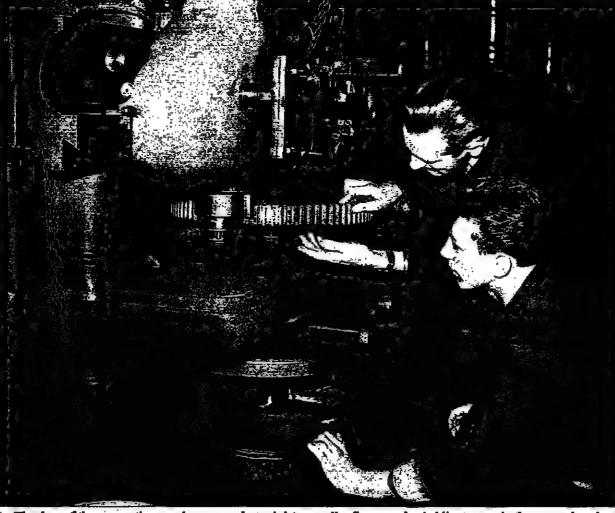
Apart from the well-flagged windfall tax and minimum wage, the speech will promise reforms ranging from a shakeup of competition policy to a reinvigorated regional development plan.

The speech will include provision for a Finance Bill, which will set in place the changes that Gordon Brown. the Chancellor, will lay out in his Budget. But the legislative programme includes a num-ber of measures that will be of vital interest to industry and services in the UK.

☐ Windfall tax. Central to the Chancelion's first Budget will Labours long-pro on the "excessive" profits of the privatised utilities, raising at least £3 billion to fund the Government's employment programme. Though it will be for the Budget itself to put the details of the tax into place, a key element for business of the legislative programme will be the new law that will give legal force to the tax.

Heads of the privatised utilities have mounted a rearguard campaign to try to deflect the tax from their businesses. But Mr Brown and his Treasury team have been steadfast in refusing their lobbying, and just as the City has now largely discounted the effect of the tax on the utilities' performance, so too have the utilities themselves. BT, the electricity, gas and water companies, BAA and others have largely realised that the tax is on the

Welfare to work. The Government will use the windfall tax to fund its job programmes for the young and long-term unemployed. The Queen's Speech will signal the new measures, under which companies taking on one of the 250,000 young people at which the youth programme is aimed will be given a tax rebate of £60 a week, per



The days of the apprentice may have gone, but ministers realise firms need subsidies to retrain the unemployed

person, for six months. Ministers recognise that companies may require an even greater subsidy to offer jobs to the long-term unemployed, who will require extensive retraining. So firms taking on people who have been unemployed for more than two years will be able to obtain tax rebates of £75 a week, per person.

☐ Minimum wage. A minimum wage will be foreshadowed in today's speech with Pay Bill. Legislation is necessary to provide for a national floor under wages, and to put on a statutory footing the planned Low Pay Commis-sion, likely to be with a membership of about 15, which will recommend to the Government a specific level

for the minimum wage. Business will try to keep its recommendation down to an hourly rate of between £3 and £3.50. Union leaders want it to be set much higher. Companies in sectors such as textiles, retailing and cleaning, traditional areas of lower pay. would be most affected by a minimum wage.

Monetary policy. Legisla-tion is needed to enact the

changes to the operation of monetary policy announced by the Chancellor last week in his first big economic initia-tive. The Bill will give power to set interest rates to a new monetary policy committee to

be formed by the Bank. Construction. The speech will specify legislation to free money held by local authorities from the sale of council houses to fund a £6 billion public housebuilding programme. Construction com-

panies are likely to benefit from the programme. Ministers also believe that the programme will have a marked effect on unemploy-

☐ Small business. Today's speech will herald a Bill to help small firms by providing a statutory right to charge interest on late payments. Small firms are divided on the issue of whether a statutory right will be of real practical help; many fear invoking it



Camelot could lose the right to run the lottery

will simply alienate the usually larger firms that owe them money. Ministers are convinced that the measure is necessary, with an estimated £2 billion cost arising to small business from late payment of

government departments will be obliged to show in their annual reports the proportion of accounts that are paid late. After a prescribed period of about six weeks, small firms will be able to press companies for payment. 

Competition. The Government intends to tighten current laws regulating cartels and price-fixing agreements, giving companies harmed by anti-competitive practices en-

debt. Large companies and

hanced legal protection, backed by "stringent" finan-cial penalties. The Competition Bill is also likely to shift the onus of proof in hostile takeovers, so that companies seeking control would be required to demonstrate that it would be in the public interest for the bid to succeed.

Lottery. There is to be a reshaping of the National Lottery, with money from its midweek draw redirected to health and education, Labour

caders are committed to ensuring the lottery is run by a non-profit making company, and strong indications are that Camelot, the current licenceholder, will lose the right to run it when its licence expires.

Utilities. The Queen's Speech will include plans for legislation to restructure the utilities' regulatory frame-works. Specifically, the legislation giving power to the regulators will be changed to give equal or preferred priori-ty in terms of the regulators' objectives to consumers, as opposed to simply the promotion of competition. The Gov-eroment plans to provide for non-executive directors for the regulators, to give their decisions a broader base.

☐ Social chapter. Legislative change is needed to meet the Government's declared intention to end the previous administration's opt-out from the European Union social protocol to the Maastricht treaty setting minimum employment standards at work. But the Government may add new provisions to apply the social chapter to Britain to a Bill to enact the outcome of the Intergovernmental Conference on the future of the EU.

□ Regions. The speech will include provision for legislation setting up a new national network of regional development agencies, along the lines successfully in Scotland and

the North East. ☐ Education and skills. Improving educational standards has been a central economic objective for British business. Companies are tired of having to act as remedial educators, teaching basic skills of reading and writing to young people at work. A Bill improving educational stan-dards will be welcomed by

business. Devolution. The Government's proposals to reform Britain's constitution may not seem on the surface to be of central concern to business. But if people in Scotland and Wales vote for their devolved representational arrangements, business may have new legislative arrangements Stadium and to deal with in those parts of the UK - and that will be of close interest to industry and services, especially in Scotland, where the planned Scottish Parliament will have tax-

raising powers.

Health. Companies heavily involved in the health sector will be closely interested in the Government's proposals, to be contained in a Health Bill in the speech today, to end the internal market in the National Health Service.

# Big business pitches in for \$350m Dodgers sale

Eric Reguly on a baseball bid

unlikely to become a home run

ention the O'Malley family and half the family and half the population of Brooklyn will start cursing. It was the O'Maileys who ripped the very heart and soul out of Brooklyn in 1957 when they moved the beloved indeed worshipped — Brooklyn Dodgers from Ebbets

Field to Los Angeles. Forty years on the wounds have yet to heal. Sports-mad Brooklyn is still without their boys of summer. "There are people who still have pieces of the bleachers of Ebbets Field when they tore it down," said an American baseball fan. "It was a dark day for Brooklyn."

To no one's surprise, there were few tears shed in Brookyn in January when the O'Malleys announced their intention to sell the Los Angeles Dodgers. Some of the oldtimers no doubt hoped the new owners would reconstruct Ebbets Field and move the Dodgers back, but most of the borough was just happy to It does not appear likely

home. The News Corporation, parent company of The Times. has emerged as the frontrunner for the Dodgers and there аге sound business reasons to leave the team where it is. The price tag, thought to breaking \$350 million, includes Dodger

its 300-acre site. O'Malleys had hoped to National Foot-

ball League stadium on the site, but their plans were rebuffed by the City. Rupert Murdoch, chairman and chief executive of News Corp., may have better luck.

The Dodgers have also become as popular with Angelinos as they were with Brooklyners. Since 1957 the team has won the National League crown nine times and the World Series - the grand prix of baseball - five times. The Dodgers regularly draw two million to three million spectators a season and the team has come to reflect the multiracial flavour of Southem California. Hideo Nomo, one of its squad, is the only Japanese pitcher in the league. A South Korean and several Latin Americans are

on the roster. If its bid succeeds, News Corp will own a piece of American history. The Dodgers was the team that changed the face of baseball. The event happened on April 15, 1947 when Jackie Robinson, a 28year-old black man, the son a sharecropper and grandson of

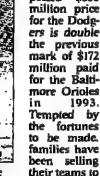
mond at Ebbets Field to play for the Dodgers. He was the first African American in the big leagues. Robinson was warned that

he would face abuse, not just from intolerant fans, but fellow players. In the first couple of months he was hit by pitches six times — a fast ball can travel at 100 miles an hour - and slammed with the spiked shoes of base runners.

At one point, it seemed that the rival St Louis Cardinals would refuse to play the Dodgers if Robinson was part of the line-up. Robinson showed grace throughout and never once retaliated.

It helped that he was a superb athlete. His batting was second to none and he was voted the league's most valuable player. In his ten years with the Dodgers, the team won six National League pennants, and in 1955 they won the World Series (the World Series pits the top team in the National League American League).

big business since Robinson's day. The teams, driven by the value of their broadcasting rights, have soared in value. The expected \$350 million price ers is double the previous mark of \$172 million paid for the Baltimore Orioles Tempted by the fortunes to be made. families have



Time Warner, the world's largest media company, now owns the Atlanta Braves baseball team as well as the Atlanta Hawks basketball team. Disney/ABC has no baseball team, but owns the Mighty Ducks hockey fran-

basketball team. The Dodgers would be a natural fit for News Corp's Fox Sports Unit. Fox has come out of nowhere to become the sports network to watch in recent years. It has naid \$1.6 billion for American football rights, \$565 million for baseball rights and \$150 million for hockey rights. It also has a one third interest in the Golf Channel.

chise and the Anaheim Angels

Fox would not comment on the Dodgers deal, but a spokesman said: "When you're a media company it suits your purposes to own the content as well as the means of delivery.

Of course there is another advantage to owning a baseball team if you are a broadcaster - you get to keep the broadcasting rights to



AMID the post-election speculation over the great and the good in the Square Mile who have been or may one day be co-opted onto various government-created committees. one name has been noticeably absent. What does the future hold for Martin Taylor? The erudite and multilingual chief executive of Barclays has achieved wondrous things with the retail and money management side of the bank, and his high-risk plans for beefing up



"Hang on, we blamed the lottery last year. Let's say it's the strong pound"

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Barclays de Zoete Wedd into a worldclass investment banking operation are now well advanced. What would be more natural than for the 44-yearold former Courtaulds Textiles boss and one-time columnist for the Financial Times Lex column to throw some of his energy and enthusiasm behind another challenge, in a strictly part-time capacity? Just a thought.

A CURIOUS side-effect of the pensions review carried out by the PIA is a bull market for the humble actuary, I hear. Once derided for their conservatism, many are now finding it profitable to quit the big firms and set up as consultants, such is the workload in sorting out the value of missold pensions. Entrepreneurial actuaries? Whatever next?

# Blue to green

ONE senior Tory has already made it to the green upland pastures of the City. David Howell, one-time Secretary of State for Energy and for Transport, has been a member of Swiss Bank Corporation's international board of advisers since 1988. He is now appointed an advisory director on economic and international policy matters for



SBC Warburg. The distinction might seem a hair-thin one, but it has to do with a full-time salary for the soon to be Lord Howell, who has retired as MP for the constituency of Guildford after 31 years.

Howell has been on the back benches for ten years, as chairman of the Foreign Affairs Select Committee, so none of the usual worries about conflict of interest. And how much is that presumably six-figure salary? "I can't tell you." Can't? "I won't tell you. It's not being released." Whatever it is, he has done rather better than one former colleague, lan Lang, ruled out of the running as chairman of Lloyd's of London last week. Word reaches me of the reason. When the shortlist was drawn up, the order was: No politicos. Now just imagine

# **Budget cut**

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FRANK FIELD, the scourge of the Maxwell administrators, has had an unhappy start to his new career as Social Security Minister. The budget for a minister of state is less generous than for the chairman of the Social Services Select Committee, and he has been forced to do away with the services of his researcher. Chris Kelsey. So not so much "Welfare to Work" as "Work to Welfare".

 ON the menu at City Rhodes, the new restaurant opened by Gary Rhodes: Pigeon's trotters. What terrible chimera has been bred by TV's punk chef? It transpires that these are pigs trotters stuffed with terrine of pigeon, which sounds like the precursor to a truly terrible afternoon. Jokes the waiter: "You should see the size of the pigeon."

### Brown tie

GORDON BROWN is causing high anxiety among the business community. Nothing about taxation, but more the new Government's informal, "Call me Tony" approach. The Chancellor is to address the CBI's annual dinner next week. While the CBI is rightly pleased at being the forum at which the new Chancellor will give his first significant

if that stricture was obeyed across the public speech, it has been thrown into consternation by his stipulation that. just as he will not wear white tie at next month's Mansion House dinner, he will not wear the traditional black tie at the CBI do.

CBI leaders are wondering whether they can contact in time the 1,500 guests due at the Grosvenor House. to tell them it will be lounge suits all round. And despite their careful political neutrality in the run-up to the election, they are concerned that many members will turn up in black tie to show that they at least have yet to be won over by new Labour.

MARTIN WALLER



Gary Rhodes is causing a stir at

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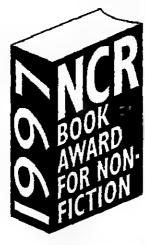
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Tonight the £25,000 NCR non-fiction book prize will be announced at the Dorchester. Derwent May met the judges

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# Boiling down the book list



ive Anderson, the witty barrister who has his own television show, is the chairman of the judges for this year's £25,000 NCR Book Award for Non-Fiction. He has never been a book judge before, he told me, but he has always been a great reader of non-fiction - particularly of politicians' memoirs. "In fact," he said, "I've read so many of those that I could write my own political memoirs without having had a political career."

However, he and his fellow judges have been faced this winter and spring with a daunting variety of books to read. "It's quite a fun problem," he said, "but it's a real one. Novels can vary widely but in some sense they cover the same area, and you can make comparisons between them. But how can you compare books on. say, history and science?

"On the other hand, that lets you off the hook in one way. You feel freer. If Martin Amis doesn't win a fiction prize, all his supporters feel betrayed and get into a rage. But if you give a history book a prize, how can the scientists complain?"

His fellow judges were the astronomer Dr Heather Couper, the Times columnist Nigella Lawson, David Taylor, who is a bookseller at Blackwell's in Oxford, and radio and television broadcaster Sarah Kennedy, who has been the Variety Club's "IV Woman of the Year".

They met at the NCR offices in London. Publishers were free to put in as many books as they wished for the prize, and in the end there were 122 books for the judges to get through. The NCR organisers gave them a little help by getting a team of readers to write preliminary reports on all the books for them. But Anderson decided the judges should not eliminate any book too

"Even if the readers only said that a book was quite good," he said, "I decided we should keep it in and read it properly."

The judges worked their way through the books without too much disagreement in the early stages, brought the number of reduced it to a long list of 11. After that, the

arguments grew hotter.

"Luckily," said Anderson, "judges who had started out by pressing hard for a book sometimes came back saying they had changed their mind, much to the relief of the others - we're glad we haven't got to break it to you. ...

Anderson himself looked at lots of reviews of the books, but he did not think very highly of them. "Too often some expert on the subject, probably a rival.



The NCR Book Award judges: from left, chairman Clive Anderson, David Taylor, Sarah Kennedy, Dr Heather Couper (seated) and Nigelia Lawson.

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was asked to review the book. He'd give all his own theories and just have two lines about the book at the end saying 'useful' or 'fuil of errors'. Not much help. I asked Nigella Lawson what she

thought of Anderson as a chairman. "Very good - he took his duties seriously. But he was a bit bossy," she said. "Very keen to stick to the rules. At the Booker Prize, the publishers are limited in the number of novels they can submit, but the judges can ers that they pa admire.

"There was one I very much wanted to call in, but Clive said no, it wasn't permitted under the rules. He's a lawyer,

I put that remark to Anderson. "Oh!" he said. "I didn't see myself as a tough chairman. I was amiability itself: Nigelia was very, very helpful with her knowledge of the literary world, but she sees herself

as a rebellious figure."
I left that dispute there. Nigella Lawson

told me she had had many agreeable surprises reading the books. "Sometimes the subject matter of a book just didn't seem me. But one persisted and sometimes one was quite won over and devoured it.

"I also thought it was very important not to try to second guess the reading public and think what they might like. one's instinct."

David Taylor, the judge from Blackwell's, has written an article for The Bookseller about his experiences on the

panel. He found it was a neat way of getting out of the decorating at home. "White spirits, sandpaper and Dulux just do not mix with biographies of Woolf, Beckett and large tomes on Europe," he says. But he too seemed a little scared of

Anderson, if he didn't get on fast enough with the reading: "I've seen the way he interviews people on those television that

Taylor, like some of the other judges, was sorry that Dava Sobell's Longitude was ruled out because she is American, but he got a bit sick of books on It was important

"Personally, I think it before the Roger, Fry Guide to Home Deco-

rating comes out." Sarah Kennedy and Heather Couper both came up with passionate

opinions at the meetings, I am told. However, Heather Couper was always going to and from Australia, reading her books on the flight. According to Anderson, she said: "If

you hold the meetings near Heathrow, I

had prompted her to read books she would not normally have looked at She had enjoyed that and had found herself. working amicably with the other judget --

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Sarah Kennedy said the competition

session is still to come afternoon. Nigeria Lawson shortlist of four (see below) that everywher wanted to see there, and two books that were much fought ever.

if one of those latter two has a determined and persuasive advocate, it could still win. The convictions and allegiances come and go in a really fierce.

judging session.

They will be arguing, she thinks, right up to the last minute, and will go from reaching their verdict straight in to the presentation dinner at the Dorchester.

# Support for quality in the community

The NCR Book Award for Non-Fiction celebrates its tenth anniversary today, and the judges choice for the 1997 award will be announced at a dinner at the Dorchester Hotel tonight. The winner will receive a prize of £25,000. plus the £2,500 that all the four shortlisted authors will be given. It was the first substantial non-fiction prize in Britain and now ranks in value and prestige alongside the Booker and Whitbread Prizes.

What does "NCR" mean? When the author A.N. Wilson was once in for the prize, he thought it must be something to do with National Car Parks. In fact, NCR is an internation ai information technology solutions company that gets its name from an earlier phase in its history when it was the National Cash Register Company, making those tills that used to "ding" on shop counters.

Nowadays, it makes vast computer systems for business, or "data warehouses, that are evolving in complexity all the time. Their products include most of the "hole in the wall" cash systems used by British

NCR was taken over by snother company, AT&T, in 1991, and in 1994 the prize changed its name for one year to the AT&T Award. In 1995, NCR became independent again and changed the name of the prize back. Roberts, the chairman

and managing director of NCR in Britain and Ireland, says the company is very proud of the prize and has two reasons for giving it. One is that it believes in quality and demonstrates that belief, and helps the community at the same time, by supporting good writing, just as it sponsors the Wasps rugby team and he Philharmonia Orchestra.

the other, about which Mr Roberts is quite frank, is that NCR likes to enterizin business customers, many of whom will be guests at the direct tonight.



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# Insight: the full savagery of the Russian Revolution

A People's Tragedy: The Russian Revolution, 1891-1924. By Orlando Figes (Cape, £25)

ORLANDO FIGES is an historian In his thirties, a Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, and already the winner of the W.H. Smith Literary Award for 1997 for this book. In an interview, Andrew Marr, the Editor of The Independent, called the book "a vast, hugely impressive history", which tells the story of "the greatest political upheaval of modern times".

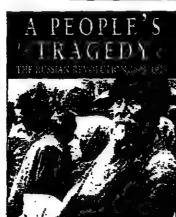
But Marr also found something else in it. It clings, he said, neither to established left-wing or rightwing views of the revolution. "Its most radical departure is that he portrays the Russian people as a main protagonist in their own tragedy: the creators of anti-Jewish pogroms, of massacres, of civil war trocities: enthusiastic participants in the Red terror, even - as famine stalked Russia - cannibals who ate children".

Figes told Marr that this view had been misinterpreted by some



reviewers as anti-Russian bigotry but what he was trying to do was to grapple with the problem of violence, which was central to the revolution".

Norman Stone in The Sunday Times thought that Figes had underestimated the influence of Lenin, but added that he doubted "if there is anyone in the world who



knows the revolution as well as he does". Curtis Keeble remarked in The Daily Telegraph that Figes "pays a well-deserved tribute to his mother, the novelist Eva Figes, for showing him how to practise the art of narrative.

"She did a good job. Figes succeeds in holding the reader's attention throughout his chronicle."

### Controversy: a new Jung biography, warts and all THE SHORTE STEELING Carl Gustav Jung: A Biography. By Frank McLynn (Bantam, £25)

FRANK McLYNN is an experienced biographer who has already written books on, among others, H.M. Stanley, Sir Richard Burton and Fitzroy Maclean. His new biography of Jung plunged him into more dangerous territory, since few wars are more viciously fought than those between the In the Financial Times, J.D.F.

Jones said it was not necessary to be a "Jungian" or to have gone through analysis to write a biography of "this towering figure of our time". Nevertheless: "Jung can only be appreciated, for better or worse. after long experience, consideration and evaluation of his ideas. 'I deliberately did not seek expert advice or academic readings. McLynn pro-fesses. Why not?" Jones especially disliked what he called "the unceasing denigration of Jung" in this

biography.
Stuart Sutherland wrote in The Times Higher Education Supple-



ment that the book "tells you all you

from the petry jealousies of psychopolitics, he said, McLynn is just the man for the job. Here is



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# Grisly plot: galloping storytelling that shames our history

The Gunpowder Plot: Terror and Faith in 1605. By Antonia Fraser (Weidenfeld & Nicolson.

LADY ANTONIA FRASER has written many books about 16th and 17th-century history, but perhaps none has involved her so emotionally as this study of the Gunpowder

She told Valerie Grove, who interviewed her for The Times, that there was never a guy on Bonfire Night in her family. "There is something deeply unpleasant about it, don't you think? Catholic families don't burn guys if they know anything about November 5. If burning books leads to burning human beings, what does burning effigies lead to?"

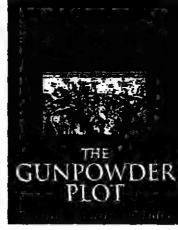
Her researches into the extent of the Catholic oppression, and the persecution of priests, in the early

17th century shocked her. In 1613 a Bill was introduced into the House of Commons to compel Catholics to wear a red hat or particoloured stockings like clowns. "It did not succeed, but it reminds us



that we shouldn't go about complacently saying we've always been this wonderfully tolerant country." Her book was widely praised by historians for its thoroughness and

objectivity about Fawkes and his fellow-plotters. It has been equally praised for its galloping storytelling. Frank McLynn in The Irish Times called it "an admirably balanced. nuanced and lucid piece of writing".



Julie Wheelwright in Scotland on Sunday said: "Fraser has done a more than credible job in untangling the myriad complexities of loyalties and political factions in early 17th-century England.

That the tradition of Bonfire Night, complete with effigies of the poor deluded Guy, shows no signs of abating is reason alone for welcoming The Gunpowder Plot."

# A must read: history of Europe from the Greeks to Gorbachev

Europe: A History. By Norman Davies (Oxford University Press,

NOT EVERY book gets a leading article devoted to it in The Times. but this one did. The leader writer called it "one of those great books for whom the critics' 'must read' verdict should be truly heeded".

He wrote that "the concept of Europe is the cause of almost constant political wranging and grief" and that Norman Davier's gripping account of the Continent from pre-history to modernity deserves the greatest possible readership among all who would take part in that dehate"

There was general agreement about this among the critics. In The Guardian, Professor Norman Stone wrote cheerfully: "The first and most obvious virtue of Norman Davies's new book is that it reads like the old Arthur Mee Children's. Encyclopaedia. It is Europe from the Greeks to Gorbachev, and is very long - so long that my proof copy fell apart. If anything, this made reading it even easier.



ing information, presented without anore familiar West" condescension and with great. An interview with Davies by charm, which will be usable ar any. Valerie Grove in The Times revealed level of inquiry. This book is an astonishing piece of work.

In The Sunday Telegraph, Noel Malcolm made the point that a



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How will the Royal Opera House cope with the crisis of Genista McIntosh's resignation?



MUSICALS 1

From the lurching deck, and occasionally lurching dialogue of the disaster show Titanic ...

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MUSICALS 2

... to the scintillating Ellington numbers of Play On!: Broadway goes overboard for tunes



■ RISING STAR

So what's a bright young woman doing playing jazz? Nikki Yeoh tells her story

The opera and theatre worlds were startled yesterday when two of London's leading figures unexpectedly quit their jobs



Happier times? Lord Chadlington, chairman of the Royal Opera House, with Genista McIntosh who resigned yesterday as the ROH's chief executive — outside Covent Garden last month

# Turmoil at the Opera House

Genista McIntosh's shock resignation is symptomatic of a

much deeper malaise at Covent Garden, says Rodney Milnes

he graceless, singularly illworded press release announcing that Genista McIntosh is to "leave" her post as chief executive of the Royal Opera House - not resign - in the immediate future "due to ill-health" bears all the signs of panic-stricken haste. And the simultaneous announcement that Mary Allen, currently Secretary General of the Arts Council of England, has been appointed to succeed her is equally graceless, and perhaps premature.

If a job falls vacant, is it not customary to ask around a bit, if not actually advertise the post, especially one with so high a public profile in charge of an organisation in receipt of huge sums of public money? That the ROH board, not a body to have inspired much confidence over recent years, should simply appoint someone in five minutes, off its own bat, does seem high-handed.

This could not have happened at a worse time for Covent Garden. Quite apart from the redevelopment and the millions involved, and the ROH's fraught, frankly patched-together two years on the road which is about to start, there is the current dispute with the technicians' union Bectu over touring allowances during closure. With staff morale at an all-time low, that shows every sign of escalating.

The mood in the House yester-day was one of stunned shock. And that was not alleviated by an unfortunate slip of the tongue by the chairman, Lord Chadlington, when he told a staff meeting he was sad that McIntosh "had beeen forced to leave". The music director Bernard Haitink -- the one towering artistic force at the ROH who could provide a rallying point for

some pertinent questions - was

With everyone's lips tightly buttoned, one can only speculate. McIntosh, who only started in January, is a woman with ideas and ideals, as her interview on this page last month suggested. She had a vision of what the role of the ROH should be in the 21st century. as a national flagship of excellence

yet one with some sort of social

If one were to depict the ROH as in the grip of a Magic Flute-style battle between forces of light and forces of darkness, then she led the light, challenging those who would frankly prefer the House to remain what it has perforce become over the last decade: a playground for the privileged, paid for by the taxpayer. The whole imbroglio is all the odder in that it is so out of step with the spirit of the time. All around us a New Age dawns, but not in Bow Street.

n that context the appointment of Mary Allen, however great her reputation as a shrewd and level-headed administrator, cannot inspire great confidence in ROH staff. She comes hot from a body responsible for so many of the House's current woes. Talk about poachers and gamekeepers. Nor can anyone be entirely confident that Chadlington will be any more successful at running the ROH than he was in drumming up support for the Conservatives during the election. The fact that he paid tribute to Lord Gowrie in the press release yesterday struck another discordant note. about yesterday's men

Perhaps one should have paid more attention to earlier warning demoralised troops, or at least ask signs. There is no doubt that

Chadlington, who gives a clever but plainly misleading impression of being a Wodehousian silly ass, had every intention of being a hands-on chairman. He has organised himself an office in the building, and he virtually took over last month's press conference at which the first closure-period plans were announced.

There has been talk about interference from board members in day-to-day administration. Maybe the building simply wasn't big enough for the two of them, and at the time of her appointment some friends of McIntosh expressed surprise at her believing she could work with her chairman.

There is plainly more to this than meets the eye. (Friends in the theatre world might like to be assured that McIntosh is in robust health.) But certain facts are pretty well beyond dispute. For all its artistic achievements - near-miraculous in the circumstances the ROH has not been well run at board level over the last decade: just look at the current mess. And for Gowrie to have pointed this out recently takes the biscuit for sheer cheek. The Arts Council, reduced to the status of a Treasury poodle, has long lost the confidence of its constituency. Now we see ACE persons, in the figures of Chadlington and Allen, mounting what looks very much like a coup in Bow Street.

It might be asking too much to suggest that nice Chris Smith should ride in on a white charger, throw the whole lot of them out, and appoint a temporary caretaker could happen — ie, they could go on muddling through as before. The very future of a great national institution is at stake.

# Daldry will be missed

nounced yesterday that Stephen Daldry is to stand down as its artistic director, Benedict Nightingale writes. The news will cause widespread consternation. At the age of 37, he is regarded as one of the most gifted figures in British theatre and was strongly tipped for the National's top job

After putting the little Gate Theatre on the map with a series of fine revivals, he was appointed Court supremo in 1991 and has restored its artistic and financial fortunes. He has discovered many new young dramatists, among them Jez Butterworth, Joe Penhall and Martin McDonagh. What critics have described as a Theatre of Urban Ennui, marked by its abrasive portraits of city life, has emerged at the Court and its tiny Theatre Upstairs. Not since the Osborne era in the late 1950s has there been such a buzz at the

theatre. Daldry also won £16 million from the lottery, and substantial sums from other sources, for an ambitious plan to rebuild the Court. As soon as work started last year, he shifted operations to the West End, presenting a striking season of "Court classics" at the Duke of York's as well as creating two auditoria in the Ambassadors and giving the world premiere of Pinter's Ashes to Ashes in one of them.

It will be hard to find a leader of comparable ability. The plan is that the new artistic director should formally take over this autumn, but work alongside Daldry until the Court returns to Sloane Square late next year.

Temperamental restlessness probably explains Daldry's departure. It is no secret that he has received offers from Hollywood and wants to try his hand

# **Battered on Broadway**

nce again it is time to thank the theatrical gods that no British awards dominate and distort the West End anything like as drastically as the Tonies do the Broadway season. Just before you can qualify for a nomination, a great, gaudy phalanx of barely-ready musicals comes banging into New York, lighting up long-dark theatres and clamouring for the ballots that will bring them publicity and a chance of recouping their

preposterous costs. it is a lunatic business, and this year we British have been unusually active in the Broadway asylum. Our Michael Blakemore directed the pimpand grot show The Life, which has received a best-musical nomination. Our Robin Phillips staged Jekyll and Hyde. which hasn't Titanic, which

**NEW YORK THEATRE:** 

Benedict Nightingale rounds up

the musicals vying for a Tony

May Day, the last moment ed by our Richard Jones and, of course, involves our very own boat. Only Kander and Ebb's Steel Pier (another finalist) and an odd collaboration between Duke Ellington and Shakespeare called Play On! (another reject) are under

American command. Which will turn out to be the winner on June 1? Don't expect clear answer from my bruised eardrums and battered eyeballs, which are still recovering from what feels like a capsule nightmare in which Times Square hookers, marathon dancers and characters from Twelfth Night are chased around a doomed ship by a snarling Victorian with a club. won a nomination, was direct-

All I can report is that the shows I saw ranged from quite

good through passable to bad. No, the last category does not include Titanic (Lunt-Fontanne), even though the title courts disaster and the set nearly achieved it at some previews by the perverse ruse of refusing to sink. Jones's staging, clearly indebted to Peter Stein's production of The Hairy Ape, creates an upstairs downstairs feel by cutting horizontal slits, bridge to boiler-room, into a towering ship. As these begin to tilt there are memorable moments, too: the sudden silence in a complacent first-class

lounge as a drinks trolley rolls

the face of Allan Corduner's steward as someone whispers the real news into his ear. Yet I spent some of the first half imploring that iceberg to get busy. A becalmed story needed a jolt. Moreover, the

by itself across the floor; the

characters — tradesman and social-climbing wife, young lovers, John Jacob Astor and his latest hot property, the ship's dangerously pushy owner — are too thinly realised for us to care much about their fates. But Peter Stone's book and Maury Yeston's bighearted music do leave us feeling both the magnificent hubris of 19th-century technological endeavour, and the nobility of those British upper lips as they stiffened in readiness for their watery graves.

But Jekyll and Hyde (Plymouth) does us no service at all. In Leslie Bricusse's reworking of Stevenson, the doctor is a pony-tailed idealist whose supposedly logical hope is to integrate mind and emotion". separate the functional from the dysfunctional" and somehow save his father, who lies naked and silently twitching in a madhouse. What follows is a mixture of earnest psychobabble and sentimental nonsense. One sci-fi cocktail, and the pony tail has swung across the head and over the face of Robert Cuccioli's chivalric Jekyll, changing him into Cuccióli's simian Hyde.

It is the best performance by a hunk of hair I've seen, but what follows lost me. No one tries to check Hyde as he serially murders "Rupert the 14th Bishop of Basingstoke" and the other all-English fogies and fops who have sneered at Jekyll's research. It is left to the good doctor to commit hara-kiri at his own wedding. Frank Wildhorn's tunes have their moments, but Bricusse's lyrics don't. I cannot confirm a friend's claim that the chorus of Cockneys sang "to kill someone outside St Paul's takes an awful lot of balls", but I certainly heard "murder, murder, it's a nightmare, murder, murder, it's a right scare, murder, murder, it's a cursed thing, murder, murder, it's the worst thing." You expect Broadway to

provide escapist fun; yet the

odd thing is that the new batch

of musicals close with mass

drownings, suicide and, in two,

other cases, emotional disaster. Still, both Steel Pier and The Life offer politically cor-rect role models in the form of

**6** The best performance by a hunk of hair I've ever seen 🤊

rubbish and wire, forlornly hailing the kerb-crawlers. I'm not sure Coleman has the

music or the wit to succeed in

suggesting that pimping fol-lows the laws and logic of the American marketplace; but it is a bold try. Steel Pier (Richard Rodgers)

has the perky, hummable tunes you would expect from the team that created Cabaret and Chicago: but Kander and Ebb's portrait of a dance marathon in the Depression lacks the same bite. Too little is made of the moments in which "sponsors" throw money at impoverished hoofers trying to keep from collapsing after 100, 200, 500 hours on their feet. Indeed, the very brilliance of Susan Stroman's choreography becomes counter-productive. Surely there should be less whirling and twisting and more slumping and tottering as cramp and narcolepsy take

Moreover, the story at the centre is a dotty blend of They Shoot Horses, Don't They? and Here Comes Mr Jordan. Who is the cheerful, solidlooking chap who takes the floor with the dancer whose nasty, voracious husband won't let her quit? Why, the ghost of a crashed pilot on furlough from Heaven. By the time the chorus did a tapnumber on the wings of a biplane, I had, I fear, given up

believing in Steel Pier. Not so with Play On! (Brooks Atkinson), which brings black Southern Vi to

the Cotton Club and forces her to woo Lady Liv on behalf of a moony, song-writing Duke. Sound familiar? True, Twelfth Night didn't end with Olivia marrying Malvolio, as happens after some cursory fun. But I think the Bard, who had soul and a capacity for joy.

wouldn't have felt too badly betrayed by Cheryl West's book, let alone Ellington's tunes and a cast that includes Cheryl Freeman, Tonya Pinkins and Andre de Shields. And if music be I Got It Bad and That Ain't Good - well,

# GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament: NIKKI YEOH

Age: 23.

Profession: Islington bornand-bred jazz composer/ pianist, already dubbed "the most exciting British jazz musician of her generation" and provoking comparisons to McCoy Tyner.

What's an intelligent young woman doing playing jazz? "I had saxophone lessons from Don Rendell and he sent me to the library and told me to look for anything by Miles Davis or John Coltrane. That was it, although I decided the piano felt more natural for me."

Work in progress? Her latest composition. Speech Mik X-Ploration, was premiered at the Bath Festival last month. Composed for a 12piece hand and video projection, the work also uses harmonisation of the spoken word in six different language translations of one of her poems.

How did she get this far? "[ used to go to jam sessions at London's Jazz Cafe, Courtney Pine came down one day, heard me play and asked for



my number." An invitation followed to join his hand, which she did for two years. And then? A tour with Nench Cherry, forming her own trio; Infinitum, and a commission last year for the contemporary classical key-

the way women are seen. Jazz

is very male dominated and

women are not really treated

as equals. Yet."

March 31 the group nan 112 712p to 75p.

board sextet, Piano Circus. Surely women and jazz don't mix "I'd like to change

record an album, which I have delayed. Being recognised as a composer has given me the confidence to record my own stuff," Long-term ambition: "Oh, to

keep improving as a band leader, a composer and a pianist. Anyone who takes their craft seriously wants to

NIGEL WILLIAMSON



That sinking feeling on board Titanic: but if the storyline is becalmed, there are at least some memorable moments

better, though you may feel the

women who end up deserting

male fieldoms and stalking

The Life (Barrymore) is the

chin-up into the sunset.

subject-matter demands Brecht and Weill rather than Coleman and partners Still, its portrait of the 42nd Street reptile-house is surprisingly uncosy. The nice Vietnam vet who dreams of rescuing the girl who has gone on the game for his sake becomes a liar, cheat and swine; the innocent from the sticks turns out to be a cynical go-getter; there is genuine violence and a scene, almost equally shocking, in which tawdry whores stand amid

# WANT TO SEE





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Playing for laughs: David Baddiel tours the country with

VENUE: Tonight at the Colston Hall, Bristol

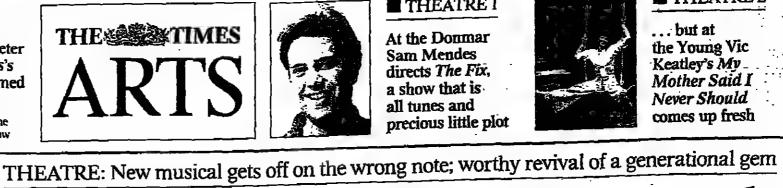


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Resurrection, Peter Maxwell Davies's opera, is performed at the Mayfest

VENUE: Tonight at the

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THEATRE 1

At the Donmar Sam Mendes directs The Fix, a show that is all tunes and

Bold, brash and banal



THEATRE 2

.. but at the Young Vic Keatley's My Mother Said I Never Should comes up fresh

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GLASGOW Musel theater Transparent and Wener Taychenoper present Peter Market Davies's opera, Resurrection sorred for solicits chamber orchestra, rock band, brass band and electronic vocal quarter (Theetin Royal tengin-Sai 8pm) in the Old Fruitmaket tronght and tomorrow, Fri-Sun, 7 30pm), singer Terry Neason and her band perform the best in country music Maylest (0141-287 5000) for tickets and further information

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THE YEATS SEASON, Unmired

Differ that's Season Comment Poets Co present live short piers, including his lamous On Balle's Strand and The Despring of the Bones, influenced by Not Theatro, Two sopirate programmes but all fine can be seen on Thursdays and Saturdays. Pentameters, 28 He am Street. Hampsteed, NW3 (0171-435-3548).

Previews begin tonight, 8pm Opans tomorrow, 7pm Then Tue, Wed and Sun, 8pm, Thurs and Sai 7pm. Until

LONG RUNNERS

The Fix Donmar

intosh and Sam Mendes probably felt the way publishers do

when they spot a glint of creat-

ive gold in the slush pile. Dana Rowe's music has plenty of

brash attack, as well as slithery, sinister percussive effects. John Dempsey's lyrics are of-

ten sharp and clever. It must have seemed that two Ameri-

this show landed

on their desks,

Cameron Mack-

can unknowns had created a score well suited to a tale of fixes narcotic, fixes political. and fixes both at once.

But did either the impresario or the director take a hard look at the bits of paper that accompanied the cassette? Did they ponder that not-unimportant ingredient, the book? Musicals are never more naked than when they are fully embodied on the stage, and, as the music bangs boldly and arrestingly on, it becomes ever clearer that the plot of The Fix lacks wit, imagination and plausibility.

Always mistrust shows with lots of unsmiling men in black suits wearing dark glasses. Some of those on display here also have black hats, black shirts and white ties. That is Mendes's oddly artiess way of signalling that they are maliosi. But more often they seem to be government lackeys, bodyguards, journalists - or, as at the start, upscale Washingtonians at an important funeral. The figure in the flagdraped coffin is Reed Chan-

Barrowman's affable Cal is to be city councillor, governor, dler, a presidential hopeful and more. As satires of packaging-thewho has died of a heart attack while cavorting with what his president go, this is not very ghost later describes as a lady with great breasts. And are his pushy wife (Kathryn Evans) and his bitter, crippled brother

AT THE age of 27 Charlotte Keatley

wrote a play that marked her out as a

female dramatist of unusual promise.

Full of anger and instinct, she wrig-

gled under the skin of four genera-

tions of mothers in the same family to

explore the relationship between

mother, wife, a Sixties free spirit and a

daughter. Several of these insights cut

Ten years on it is a joy to see it

revived by Oxford Stage Company,

but one wonders if the same play has

stopped a brilliant career dead in its

tracks. Crippled, perhaps, by the

weight of expectation. Keatley has never produced anything of similar

quality and is evidently happy to ride

the waves the play has generated in 18 languages. Who wouldn't? But it

seems odd, almost wasteful, that she

has yet to write the stack of contempo-

veals at a press conference to have been a detox ward. "Alleinventive stuff, but it is more luis," sing the journalists as credible than what follows. Cal gets off with a nightclub the lad announces "the biggest floozy (Krysten Cummings) drug campaign this state has has the hots for his nephew? The best saved for first

(Philip Quast) content to let the and is soon shooting heroin as

dynasty rest in peace? On the

contrary, they promptly orga-

nise a pretty, dippy bride, a

voice coach and a trademark

song about youth and the future for Reed's son. John

My Mother Said I Never Should Young Vic

well as snorting cocaine. We

must believe that he gets plus

marks for honesty when he drops four-letter words in

public and urinates on the

state courthouse, and that he

can remain a political contend-

er after disappearing to what

his aides pretend is a long

European holiday and he re-

rary classics that seemed so obviously within ber grasp. This is not to belittle this production. Four actresses, dressed in garb from the war years to the present day. are first seen as small children frightening each other by invoking spirits from beyond the grave. From this surreal beginning they spin into character as the four generations of

women. The never-present fathers

haunt the play like gbosts. In short, charged scenes played out around a piano under which Grace Mitchell's compelling Doris used to tuck her daughter Margaret during the Blitz, we see telling glimpses of the relationship between the mothers and

John Barrowman, Kathryn Evans and Philip Quast are dogged by a poor plot that lacks wit and imagination

seen". Oh well, any country

that continues to revere the

Kennedy clan and can re-elect

Marion Barry as Mayor of

Washington is a pretty weird-

one. That is what the Chandler

story is presumably supposed

to leave us thinking. But it is

still hard to take the evening

seriously. Why do the men in .

Duast's Grahame Chandi

half-heartedly suggesting that genre, the all-American Richard, III.

daughters. It is a telescope of changing times and fears. While Jane Lowe's Margaret falls for an American pilot and life in London, her art school daughter Jackie (Robyn Moore) is tuning into the Sixties. Likewise, Pauline Lynch's adolescent Rose, the last in line, would like to rebel against her parents, but does not realise that her real mother is not, in fact, Margaret, but her folder

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**TOMORROW** 

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# Can't see the fees for the Woodwards

dward Woodward is fighting fit after undergoing a triple bypass eight months ago. Two stone lighter, the 67-year-old actor is hearty enough to ride a horse through the portico of a stately home, scattering enemies with his sword as he gallops by, and to duel his way up and down a marble

Such derring-do is de rigueur for his latest role in his son Peter's saga about the Angelo dynasty of "fightmasters" in a period drama pilot that could lead, the Woodward acting dynasty hopes, to a television series.

The Angelos, who ran an "Academy of Arms" in the 18th century in what is now London's Soho, came to Britain from Italy to teach swordplay, riding and shooting to gentlefolk. Dominic Angelo, played by Edward Woodward, had a son called Harry (played by Peter), who became a great friend of the Prince Regent and of David Garrick and kept the family business going into the 19th century", Peter says, during a break from two weeks' filming at the National Trust's Phillips House near Salisbury, which economically serves as both the arms academy and the

court of King George III.

Originally to be called The Fightmaster, the title of the pilot episode, the series has now been tentatively titled House of Angelo, a name which, some cast members feel, sounds unfortunately like that of a hairdressing salon. It was chosen to appeal to American sensibilities, since that is where British costume dramas can really make a killing. With Edward still popular in America after the hit television series The Equalizer, that was an important consideration. But the name could still change, as could the screening dates -- currently set for late August/early September, initially on BSkyB,

then on the BBC. 'l can't tell you what a fight it was even to try to get this put on." says Edward, puffing slightly after

Why are top TV star Edward and his family doing a costume swashbuckler for nothing? Victoria McKee reports

his efforts and putting on a pair of spectacles that make him look, in shoulder-length grey wig, knee breeches, embroidered waistcoat and frock coat, rather like Benjamin Franklin. "It was like trying to

invent the lightbulb." The film is crammed with Woodwards. As well as Peter, 38, the main creative force behind the project, Edward's two

other children from his first marriage to the actress Venetia Barratt 6 I can't tell Tim, 44, and Sarah, you what 34 - are involved, and his 14-year-old daugha fight it ter Emily, from his present marriage to ac-. was to try tress Michele Dotrice (the only immediate to get this family member without a role, "although I hope put on **9** she'll have one if it goes to series"), has had a walk-on part.

Peter's wife Anne-Marie Marriott and Sarah's partner Patrick Toomey have roles, as do good friends Julian Glover and his wife Isla Blair. They play Sir Robert Willoughby and the actress Peg Wallington, who has to ride a horse up the stairs sidesaddle and also has some action scenes with a sword. They hope to bring their actor son Jamie into the series eventually, too.

"Even the electricians are all from the same family." Peter says. The director is Jim Goddard, with whom Edward also worked on Callan, the series that made him famous 30 years ago.

It's a closely knit group, with everyone slightly protective of Edward. We had a fully costumed and made-up stunt double standing by for all Edward's action scenes," says Peter. "But we never needed him."

The other advantage of a cast composed primarily of family and friends is that it is willing to work for low wages, a vital advantage when funding was so hard to come by. "The Woodwards have deferred all fees and are not taking anything until the production breaks even, says Peter. "And all the principal artists — our mates

accepted minimum rates. We believe very strongly in what we're doing, but we also believe that this is a terrible way to have to go about things. If we didn't have these resources to call on it wouldn't be made, so there must be a lot of wonderful potential projects around which aren't being made." "Nobody's commit-

ting in television today," Edward says about the medium he calls "the greatest form of entertainment in the world." and in which he has chosen to spend the lion's share of his 50-year career. They all want to see a pilot first. With 'in-house' productions you knew where the money was coming from, and where profits would be made. Now there are so many little independent companies, like ours, who have to fight for everything."

Luckily the Woodwards are skilled fighters, as they deftly demonstrate with sword, dagger and musket. They don't give up easily. Peter sent scores of scripts out to different companies, mainly in North America, together with a glossy brochure about the Angelo and Woodward dynasties. Finally Atlantis, a Canadian distribution agency, bit — but then withdrew. who had championed the project, their ancestors.

left Atlantis to become a third musketeer with Peter and Edward, and Atlantis later came back on board with a third of the funds for the Il million pilot. A third is being provided by the Woodwards them-selves — "I've put all my savings into this." Peter says -and a third by the BBC and Sky together, in what the Woodwards believe is the first joint venture of the terrestrial and satellite networks. "We haven't even met anyone from the BBC yet. Nobody seems to know we're doing this, although we're doing this with

their money. Edward says. With Reynolds shaving his beard and shaking off his accent to play George III, it's a case of all for one and one for all in this swashbuckling saga "set in an age," Peter says, "when revolution was in the air and there was a change from men in tights and wigs to those in boots and breeches".

eter, who intends to continue making his living "by the pen and the sword", is an actor, playwright and graphed fights for the Royal Shakespeare Company and English National Opera. "He used to swing a sword with me from the time he was two years old." Edward says

proudly. Peter also acts as "armourer" on the production, locking the Brown Besses and other 18th-century muskets away carefully after each day's action. He realised the dramatic potential of the Angelo family of fightmasters when reading a copy of Dominic Angelo's 18th-century fight manual, The School of Arms, at the British Museum.

The Angelo family is one family that the Woodwards haven't involved so far in The House of Angelo. "I've tried to trace some Angelos, but so far haven't had any luck." Peter says. They may, o course, come out of the woodwork when the series is aired, and he hopes they will accept that he has So New Zealander Don Reynolds, used dramatic licence in portraying



(From left) Tiro, Sarah, Edward and Peter Woodward on set for their television pilot. The Fightmaster

OPERA: John Allison acclaims the Kirov Opera's production of Parsifal

#### A little late, f all Russian paradoxes, the Kirov Opera of St Petersburg is one of the most remarkable. It represents the best cultural traditions of the old pre- and postrevolutionary order, but is also among the few institutions to have made something positive of the "new" Russia.

While the rest of the country fumbles ever more uncertainly, there is an energy about the Kirov Opera, a feeling that anything is possible. Indeed, it seems to be: another piece of history was made on Sunday when Wagner's Parsifal was performed for the first time in Russia in almost 80 years. This energy is all being generated by Valery Gergiev

who, as chief of the Maryinsky Theatre, now controls both ballet and opera there. He has recently tightened up working practices, and by his own admission is stricter than ever with the artists. He has to be. They are the company's most precious resource. His lobbying of the Govern-

ment, even President Yeltsin personally, ensures that the company still receives some state funding, but it covers less than 20 per cent of total needs and at best is unreliable. In a country where the President can go on television at Easter and wish the nation a happy Christmas, nothing can be guaranteed. Russian sponsors are beginning to come for-ward, but Gergiev is clear: The best budget is people, so I have to keep them here."

Gergiev is also broadening the work of the theatre as

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have all made a comeback in their original languages. But Gergiev's biggest aim has been to reintroduce Wagner, and with Parsifal now achieved, he plans Der fliegende Hollander next year. Russia once had a great Wagner tradition, but anti-German sentiment after the Second World War and the strictures of Stalin's musical thought-police combined to leave a big, Wagner-shaped hole in the repertory.

This new Parsifal was almost a Russian premiere: after the embargo on the opera being given outside "sacred" Bayreuth was lifted in 1913, Parsifal was produced at St Petersburg's privately-run Theatre of Musical Drama. But it never reached one of the country's major stages. Then came the revolution, and the opera's religious, or pseudoreligious, subject matter was too much for the communists. During the Soviet era a prowas never even.

The opening night was thus an important event in the

theatre's history, but what made it so memorable was the burning intensity of the orplaying under Gergiev. As his Covent Garden Lohengrin proved, this conductor has a special affinity for Wagner, and here he caught the score's eestatic beauty and

all the pain too. Each act was carefully paced, and the performance swept along compellingly. The Kirov Orchestra's rich strings and blazing brass sounded thrilling. This was an idiomatic, world-class account in a theatre without a living Wagner tradition.

ussianness was more strongly revealed in sets by the late Yevgeny Lysyk, originally designed for a Lohengrin that didn't happen, but evoking a beautiful, generalised medievalism that would do for any mystical opera. The producer was Tony Palmer, not so fondly remem bered for turning a Scottish Opera Turandot into a Puccini family saga. But here he spared us the horrors of Familie Wagner. In spite of clumsy ideas like processions through the auditorium and copious amounts of "atmospheric dry ice, the production summoned up most of the opera's magic and the cast was strongly directed.
Indeed, Gurnemanz was not

his usual, boring self, but a character with real aura, movingly sung by Gennady Bezzubenkov, Valeria Stenkina, an astonishingly young Kundry, had all the wild sensuality required. Alexey Steblianko was an imposing. dark-toned Parsifal. Nikolay Putilin a vivid Klingsor. The chorus was on splendid form, and all the smaller roles were cast astonishingly well, from strength that must be the envy of every other opera house.

The previous evening's Rusian and Lyudmila explained why, since one of the Parsifal Flowermaidens. Anna Netrebko, had given an unforgettable performance as Lyudmila, Netrebko, whose perfectly focused soprano is matched by the looks of a fairy-tale princess, was an ideal heroine, but she was not the only outstanding singer in a cast that included Valentina Tsidipova (Gorislava) and La-rissa Diadkova (Ratmir). Glinka's opera is one of the company's showpieces. brought to spirited life by Gergiev's conducting, storybook designs and Fokine's choreography. With a fully integrated ballet, it is an opera to which only the Kirov can do full justice, and one which shows the "traditional" side of Gergiev's vision.

# Wall bar exercises

German music. The postwar upheaval began, as the British CONCERT composer Julian Anderson notes in an illuminating pro-gramme essay, with a head-on London Sinfonietta/

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Inhabiting a more specific

with a representative and hugely influential work from of Hans Zender, delivered the the early 1950s: Stockhausen's piece with wonderfully con-Kontrapunkte. If this kind of score no longer seems "diffitrolled delicacy. Rarely have the fragmentary utterances cult, it is partly because cohered so seamlessly and Stockhausen's lead has been with such a persuasive sense fullowed by so many composof flow, providing a subtle ers of the modern era. But backdrop for the brilliantly much credit is due to the executed solo statements of accomplished performances of pianist John Constable. ensembles like the Sinfonietta

dreamworld, Wilhelm Killmayer's Sinfonia 2: Ricordanze evoked the Memories of the subtitle with a superbly evocative, and extraordinarily economical, sound palette.

Zender's own Furin No Kyo. though written as recently as 1989, suggested a throwback to a less profitable mode of fragmentation. The text, declaimed in four languages with impressive equanimity by Julie Moffat, is broken down into somewhat tiresome syllabic ejaculations — though apparently with ironic, occasionally humorous intent.

Perverse word-setting. equally skilfully delivered by Moffat, was similarly a fea-

ture of Bernd Alois Zimmermann's cantata Omnia Tempus Habent. In 1957, when this cantata was written. Zimmermann was ploughing an individual furrow. Yet to come was his distinctive "collage" style, resulting in such masterpieces as Die Soldaten and the trumpet concerto Nobody Knows De Trouble I See.

It was a trumpet piece York Höller's Fanal - that we heard immediately after. The image of a flame, leaping high or slowly dying, lies behind the work, and John Wallace's account was a brilliant pyrotechnical display The music of Höller - and this work in particular - deserves to be heard much more often.

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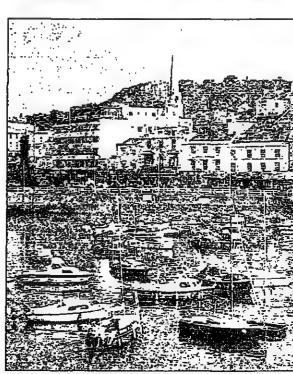


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# Crown Court judge erred over jurors' alleged contempt

Regina v Schot Regina v Bardav

Before Lord Justice Rose, Mr. Justice Forbes and Mr Justice **Budgment May 121** 

The Court of Appeal considered the circumstances in which a juror might be found guilty of contempt of court and the procedure to be followed to deal with such

Their Lardships allowed the appeals of Bonnie Belinda Schot and Carol Andrea Barclay against the finding on March 24, 1997 at Knightsbridge Crown Court by Judge Cooray that they were in contempt of court, on which they were sentenced to 30 days imprisonment. On March 25 both appellants were granted bail.

Mr John Perry QC, who did not appear below, and Mr Leroy Redhead for Schot: Mr Stephen Solley, QC, who did not appear below, and Mr Naviot Sidhu for Burelny, all counsel assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals;

the judgment of the court, said that on February 17, 1997 proceedings began at Knightshridge Crown Court before Judge Coursy in a case in which five defendants were charged with having custody or control of a counterfelt note. On February 19 a jury was sworn to try the case. The appellants were

owing to some jurors conscious beliefs. Please advise.

The judge and counsel discussed back and asked to clarity what w meant by "conscious beliefs" by writing a further note through the foreman, who was the appellant

The further note read: "Some members of the jury cannot bring themselves to make a true judgment due to our beliefs, not heginning of the trial, before we took the oath we felt that we could stand up in the court and stress this fact. We thought that our feelings may change over time. After retiring we have found that we still feel the same and cannot give a true verdict to these

There was further discussion in the absence of the jury, after which the judge decided to discharge the in its entirety. Before doing so he asked the jurors to write down whom the second note related. The with the names of the two

Thereafter, the judge discharged the jury and told the appellants to return to court on March 24 to show cause why they should not be

fined for contempt.

Their Lordships sympathised with the judge in having to deal with a very unusual situation, but and some time later sent a note to the judge which read: "We are proper for him to such as a proper for him to suc in their judgment he fell into a

scious beliefs". In any event he ought not, on receipt of the second note, to have decided then to discharge the jury.
It seemed to their Lordships,

albeit with the advantage of hindsight, that assuming the second note was properly elicited and received, the judge nught to have sought in writing not the names but the numbers of jurors who

It would then have been pos-

were having difficulties.

sible, with the assistance of further submissions from counsel, to departicular, whether it was necessary to discharge the whole jury or whether to give them a majority direction and a direction not amounting to a full Watson direction (see [][488] QB 690)) but stressing the importance of the outh taken and reminding them of their obligation to bring in a verdict of guilty if they were sure but otherwise not guilty, and incorporating the matters referred to by Lord Justice Walkins in R v

Siderfin (1990) 2 QB 683). ascertained that difficulties arose in relation to only two juroes he could have discharged them under section [6]] of the Juries Act 1974. Had any of these courses been followed it would not have been necessary to abort the trial at that

2 in any event, their Lordships doubted whether the judge should have sought clarification of the first now, and certainly he should

Such requests were in breach of the widely expressed terms of section 8(1) of the Contempt of Court Act 1981, which applied to the court as well as everyone else, and of the long established and recently re-affirmed principle than there was no right in anyone to inquire as to what occurred in the jury room: see, for example, Andrew Brown (1907) 7 NSW St Rep 291) and R v Thompson (1902) I All

3 The Juries Act 1974 did not provide for exemption from jury service on the basis of personal conscientious beliefs, nor did the jury summons, the explanatory leaflet or the video shown to all jurors suggest that that might afford exemption.

There was, however, a discretionary power within section 944 of the 1974 Act to excuse from jury service and, in the light of Practice Direction (Jury Service: Excusal) [1988] W.R. Il62], the question to be asked when considering an application for excusal was whether the beliefs of the juror prevented him or her from fulfill-

Their Lordships thought it de-sirable that consideration be given to amending the summons or other information for jurors so as to incorporate some reference to the possibility, referred to in the Practice Direction that a person might be excused on ground of

difficult conclusion to sustain in for saything said or done by him in discharge of his office (Halsbury's Laws of England (4th the absence of any finding by the judge that he rejected that evidence. edition, volume 26, paragraph 653) was not punishable for con-

Also it was questionable whether the judge's decision to discharge the entire jury was properly to be regarded as a tempt for returning a perverse verdict (see Bushell's Case ((1670) 6 State Trials 999)) and was nut foresceable consequence of one or two jurous refusing, if they did, to indictable for breaking his outh as 2 juror (Hawkins Pleas of the Crown ((1824) 8th edition p432)) it reach a verdict, so as to establish Further, the jury's first note sought advice, which was never juror would "wilfully not find for

In such a case a juror was given. The seeking of advice was finable: see Bushell's Case (at pi014). Hawkins Pleas of the not generally likely, it seemed to their Lordships, to support an inference of intention to disrupt a Crown (Volume 2, p213) stated that it was an offence for a jurge to Unfortunately, none of the refuse to give a verdict.

Accordingly, contumacious reauthorities or principles referred to their Lordships was cited or ad-dressed in the course of the fusal to reach a verdict because of reluctance to judge another might in appropriate circumstances establish the actus reus of conhearing before the judge, which was no doubt due in part to the fact that counsel were instructed to represent the appellants only on the morning of the hearing, and in part to the "summary" character, as the judge described it, of the hearings before him. intention to impede or create a real risk of prejudicing the administra-tion of justice, had also to also be roved: see Attorney-General v port Newspapers Ltd (1991) | On any view this was a highly unusual case which required care-

WLR 194).
It could be established by foreseeability of consequence, but the appellant, Legal representation the judge in the present case did not appear to have given any consideration to that save to say: whereby counsel at court for other purposes were assigned to the appellants on the morning of and Both of them in their own way have intentionally disrupted the entire trial by their refusal. shortly before the hearing was not, in their Lordships judgment, adente or appropri that she did not want to disrupt the

It appeared to have been as-sumed that it was for the appel-iants to show cause, by evidence,

LORD JUSTICE MUMMERY.

giving the judgment of the court, said that the question was: What

was the correct method of calculat-

payable in a voluntary liquidation

liquidators of the tenant company

under section 178 of the 1986 Act?

The issue was formulated in a more tendentious form by Mr

to the landlord in con-

tried to reach a verdice, that was a 5 There was no urgent and imperative need for the judge to deal with the question of contempt himself and there was, in any event, a real danger of bias (see R v-Gough (1993) AC 646)) in view of what he had said on March 12.

. He had expressed surprise, disappointment, bitterness and anger, and said twice, in terms, that the juries had shown direct consempt the further proceedings which he contemplated were to show cause "why they ought not to be fined."

Particularly in the light of those comments, the trial judge should either have referred the matter to another senior judge sitting at that or another crown court or to the Attorney-General to apply on mo-tion in accordance with Order 52 of the Rules of the Supreme Court see, for example, Balogh v St. Albans Crown Court [1975] I QB

On the very rare occasions where the possibility of contempt by a juror arose, it might well be appropriate, where the judge had given no indication of having formed a view or otherwise behaved in such a way as to suggest the possibility of bias, for him to deal with the matter himself, but it would depend on all the circumstances of the particular case. 6 in his confusions, the judge drew

no distinction between the two appellants, although their cases were different.

Compensation for landlord

If Schot's evidence was correct she was not guilty of contempt. The judge made no express finding as impossible to uphold his funding of contempt against her.

As to Barclay, the conclusion that she was in contempt, on the basis that she did not like to judge other people and should have disclosed that at an earlier stage and had played no part in the jury's discussions, might well have been suspinable if reached by another judge in other

7 The nature of this contempt was ever clearly defined in a manner which was essential for a proper

For those reasons the findings of contempt would be quashed. However, in any event, their Lordships indicated their view that the sentence of imprisonment was not

Trial by jury was one of the operation in this country was dependent on the participation and co-operation of the public and most that if summoned for jury service and sworn it was a service whey they had to perform honestly and to the best of their ability,

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. But it had to be be recognised that if members of the public had been summoned for jury service and properly empanelled without making any reasonable objection, they were at risk if they failed to act in accordance with the oath which they had sworn, to "faithfully try verdict according to the evidence

# Eliminating excess documents

Appeal: Revised procedure) The Court of Appeal continued to ume of documentation lodged for the purposes of appeals and applications which was unnecessary and never referred to. Changes designed to eliminate such practices would be

Following the increase in the number of lord justices there had hetween the lodging and hearing of appeals and new hear by dates

Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls. sitting with Lord Justice mery, so stated in the Court of Appeal on May 12.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that under Practice Direction (Court of Appeal: Procebundles were required where the appeal bundle, excluding the judgcomprise more than 100 pages. In the populate number of sets of th core bundles plus one set of the full trial bundles for reference.

determining the appeal. In others, the core bundles did not contain all necessary documentation and multiple sets of trial bundles were

The changes set out below were designed to eliminate those practions and to ensure that the court was provided solely with core bundles which contained only the and necessary, no more and no less, for determining the appeal or

Following the recent increase in the number of lord justices, there time lag between the lodging and hearing of appeals. In consequence the hear by dates for most types of appeal could now be brought forward. The new hear by dates were set out below. Core bundles

1 Paragraphs 2 to 6 below modified Part II of the 1995 Procice Direction with effect from the date specified in paragraph 7.

2 in all cases where the appellant without any trial or other hundles. 3 Core bundles must contain only those documents which the lord justices would need to pre-read or before or after that date.

refer at the hearing, either in support of, or in opposition to the appeal or application.

4 As soon as the appeal or application had been lodged, the appellant's or applicant's solicitors had to give careful consideration, with the advice of counsel where appropriate, to the necessary content of the core bundles. If they were in any doubt concerning the documents which the other side would need, they had to consult the respundent's solicitors at an early

5 No later than the date stated in the letter from the Civil Appeals Office acknowledging entry of the case in the court's records, the appellant's or applicant's solicitors must lodge with the Civil Appeals Office bundle registry the number of sets of core bundles specified in that letter. No other bundles were

6 One set of the full trial bundles should be brought to the Court of Appeal hearing, but not lodged in

7 Those directions applied to all the hundles were lodged after June l. 1997, whether the case was entered in the court's records

8 The obligations of litigants in person in relation to bundles would continue to be governed exclusively by paragraphs 52 to 54 of the 1995 Practice Direction. Hear by dates

The new hear by dates set out below would apply to all cases whether entered in the court's records before or after June 1, 1997. save for those which, at that date, already had hearing dates Matrimonial: child cases, 3

months; financial and other, 6

Crown Office cases: immigra-tion appeals and Crown Office interlocutory, 3 months: Crown Office finals, 9 months, High Court interlocutory: Commercial Court and Official

Referees, 11 months: Order 14, 3 months: Order 14A, 9 months: other Queen's Bench, 5 months: Chancery, 9 months. High Court final: Patents Court,

Commercial Court and Official Referees, IB months; personal injury. 12 months; other Queen's Bench. 15 months: Chancery, 15

months; possession, 4 months; personal injury. 8 months: other county court finals, 12 months. Dealing with uncontested applications

[Judgment May 1]
On the disclaimer of a lease in a winding up or a bankruptcy the landlord was entitled to prove for all the rent and other payments which he would have been entitled to recover from the tenant for the residue of the term, had the lease But in estimating the amount of

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord

Justice Potter and Lord Justice

solvent, company, put into vol-untary liquidation by its members, the debt for which he proved, the buy off its obligations to the landlord had to give credit for the fact that he had recovered the landlord under the lease? In 1990 the landlord granted apremises and could re-let them. If age of office buildings at 48 he could only re-let at a lower rent he could claim the difference Gray's Inn Road to Park Air Services for a term of 25 years at an between what he would have initial reat of £140,000, rising to recovered from the old tenant and £160,000 in the fourth and fifth years and with upward only rent recover from a new tenant. reviews at five-yearly intervals thereafter. By 1994 it became The Court of Appeal so held in a

reserved judgment allowing an appeal by the landlord. Christopher Moran Holdings plc, from the decision of Mr Justice Ferris on apparent that the rent payable was substantially in excess of the In December 1994 Park Air-Services entered into members' December 21, 1995 (1996) BCLC voluntary winding up and the declaration as to the correct hasis of calculating the loss or damage Air Services plc. in respect of the arose as to the amount of the landlord's proof, the landlord submitting calculations in support disclaimer of that company's lease of commercial premises at 48 Gray's Inn Road, London, and of a figure initially calculated at £5,350,178 and the liquidators estidetermining the amount payable under section 178(6) of the Insolmating the amount as just under vency Act 1986 in the amount of £1,053,000. 5200,000.

On the landlord's appeal launched by an application dated April 6, 1995, against rejection of its Section 178 of the 1986 Act ovides: "(b) Any person sustainproof, a declaration was sought ing loss or damage in consequence of the operation of a disclaimer pursuant to rule 4.83 of the Insolvency Rules (SI 1986 No 1925) under this section is deemed a creditor of the company to the extent of the loss or damage and that the decision of the liquidators not to admit its proof, then in a revised amount of some £3,500,000 be reversed or varied, the judge had held the landlord to be a creditor of Park Air in the sum of

extent of the loss or damage and accordingly may prove for the loss or damage in the winding up."

Mr Terence Etherton, QC and Mr Peter Griffiths for the landford; Mr Richard Adkins, QC and Mr Edward Cole for the liquidators. £1,053,000. The evidence and the arguments before the judge were detailed and complex. The landlord's case on appeal had been simplified by Mr credit for the fact that on the Etherton. The attractive force of his submissions was their simplicity and foundation on first

The start was the statutory-uestion: What was the extent of the landlord in consequence of the operation of the disclaimer?

in principle, the loss sustained by the landlord would appear to be aggregate of the rent and other payments which the landlord was entitled to be paid by the tenant for the residue of the term of the lease and (b) the amount of the rent and other payments which it was estimated, at the date of the obtain from another tenant enter-ing into the same lease, save as to rent, for a term equivalent to the residue of the term granted by the

That difference would produce afigure for which the landlord was ntitled to prove in the winding up . of the company. Nothing in the

The position of the landlord had be viewed in its process. namely proof of debt in its the winding up of the tenant company. It was not to be approached simply or repudiation of an ordinary which the plaintiff was seeking compensation for lost future

The landlord's position on the winding up was that of a secured creditor, that is, one who had a proprietory or possessory interest over the property of the lenant assecurity for payment of a debt,
The reason for determination of the lease, whether it was surren-

der, acceptance of repudiation, operation of disclaimer or treating the lease as determined for the purposes of proof, was irrelevant to the landlord's right to prove for

premises and might re-let them. If he could only re-let for the residue of the original term at a lower rent, then he was entitled to claim for the difference between what he would have recovered from the tenant, if the lease had continued, fact recover from a new tenant of the premises.

The extent of the tenant's insolvency was irrelevant to the esti-mation of the size of the debt due to the landlord, although, of course, the extent of the insolvency would affect the amount that the landlord in fact received by way of dividend in respect of his proof.

The judge placed a capital value as at the date of proof on the landlord's right to receive the income stream lost as a result of the operation of the disclaimer and a discount for early payment was applied.
His approach was incorrect. It

right of the landlord to prove in the liquidation, as Mustrated by the authorities on bankruptcy and

Moreover, the judge erred in holding that rule U.13(3) of the 1986 Rules did not apply to a proof for landlard under section 178(6) of the

The effect of purasirabh (3) of rule it. i3 was that the landlord was entitled to be paid, out of the surplus funds available in the liquidation, the full amount of the future rent reserved by the lease, less the credit for the rent obtain-able on a re-letting in the open market after disclaimer. The result was that no statutory discount for early payment was applicable to the landlord's proof for future rent. An order should be made in the terms of the declaration sought by

Solicitors: Memery Crystal;

#### I Determination of proceedings Practice Direction (Crown Office List: Criminal proceedings/ ([1983]

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([1982] I WLR 979) and, in so far as relevant to criminal matters, in

Chief Justice, sitting with Lord Justice Hirst and Lord Justice Millett, so stated on May 12. THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE

Where the parties were agreed as to the terms on which proceed-Land Bingham of Comhill Lord

ings entered in the Crown Office List could be dispused of and required an order of the court to put those terms into effect, they should lodge with the Crown Office a document, with two copie thereof, signed by the parties setting out the terms of the proposed agreed order and a short AN EXCLUSIVE READER OFFER statement of the matters relied on

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could properly be made, the proceedings would be listed for hearing in the normal way. 2 interlocutory orders Where the parties weight an interluctiony order and were agreed as to the terms of that annesed order they should believe with the Crissin Office a docume with two copies there if, signed in the parties setting out the terms of the proposed agreed order and a statement of the maners

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relied on as justifying the making of the order, and, where appropriate, citing authorities and statutory provisions relied on.

The Crown Office would then submit the document to a judge and, if he was satisfied that the order should be made, the order would be drawn and sent to the parties without the need for the proceedings to be listed. Withdrawal of proceedings, including habeas corpus

(a) Where leave of the court was not necessary for proceedings to be withdrawn, the applicant or appel-lant, as the case might be, must lodge a notice of withdrawal with the Crown Office and serve a conv of that notice on all other parties to the proceedings. The court file would then be closed.

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The Crown Office would then ubmit the document to the Master of the Crown Office and, if he was satisfied that the proceedings should be withdrawn on the terms proposed, any order necessary would be drawn and sent to the parties without the need for the court. The court file would then be

# Condition of gift sufficiently certain

Officer

Before Lord Justice Staughton. Lord Justice Otton and Lord Judgment May 8

A condition of a gift of a flat by an elderly parent to her daughter that the daughter would look after the parent in the flat, was sufficiently certain to render the gift valid and effective in that it was to be construed as requiring the daugh-ter to allow the parent to live in the flat as long as was reasonably

The Court of Appeal so held in reserved judgments dismissing an appeal by Mrs Lonny Ellis against the decision of the Chief Adjudication Officer on March 21, 1995 that she was not emitted to income

tial business use as 850 miles for

the Citroen and Loo4 miles for the

Ford and as the taxpayer had only

completed 1,452 miles in the Ford,

compared to the proportional threshold of Loo-I miles, the charge for that car was uplifted by a half

to make a total charge for both cars

The commissioners upheld the

taxpayer's contention that as the sotal business mileage for both

cars ewooded 2,500 miles the

inspector was not permitted to increase the charge for the Ford,

Mr Launcelot Henderson, QC,

MR JUSTICE FERRIS said that

the appeal raised a point on the

construction of the provisions relating to the taxation of a benefit

equal to the cash equivalent was to

for the Crown; the taxpayer did not

appear and was not represented.

# The Chief Adjudication Officer

held that the gift of her home in Nottingham to her daughter, Annete Ellis, was subject to the condition that her daughter, would look after her in the flat; that the condition was unfulfilled when the daughter evicted her whereupon the gift failed, entitling the mother

to part of the proceeds of sale. Miss Lorna Findlay for the mother: Mr Timothy Mould for the Chief Adjudication Officer.

JUSTICE STAUGHTON said that if the condition which the mother laid down to her daughter was void for uncertainty it would promote her claim for income support, but she could not recover the proceeds of

#### property to their children in the faith of assurances such as that given to the mother. -Was the law to say that unless

they made a contract to that effect, and unless the term was at least sufficiently certain to qualify as a nothing to protect their interest? The condition could fairly be construed as requiring the daughter (i) to allow the mother to live in

the flat for so long as it was reasonably practicable for her to do so and (ii) to see that she was provided, for payment if required, with the basic necessities of life. Such a term had sufficient certainty to ensure that it was valid and not ineffective.

LORD JUSTICE OTTON, oncurring, said that a fair mean-

long as they both agreed or it was reasonably practicable to do so. That would avoid ambiguity and permit some fleability in

A parent might agree to be resed in accommodation more might be reluctant to move even in the teeth of medical advice and the family's wishes for the parent's

In the latter case it could not be said that the offspring had acted unreasonably and nullified the gift in removing the parent to othe more suitable accommodation.

Lord Justice Schiemann agreed. Solicitors: Ward & Griffiths,

Although on the straigtforward lacts of this particular case the

calculations provided by the inspector might seem to be un-

necessarily complicated by comparison with the taxpayer's

simple approach, such calcula-

was dealing with cases where the basic cash equivalent for each of

two or more cars made available to

an employee for private use in a

single tax year was not the same

Those calculations were re-quired by the language of the

legislation whenever a car was

replaced during the course of a tax

year with a car having a different

It clearly could not have been

intended that a different approach

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ploves who during a single tax year had made available to turn by ins employer, consecutively, two motor cars feed to calculate the amount of the benefit charge and also the proportional threshold for his insubstantial numbers one by reference to each individual car. The provisions of section 157 of, and Schodule nato the income and Corporation Taxes Act 1965 did not allow such extendations to be made by reference to the total business. mileage owered by the empletee.

during the year in both cars. Mr Justice Ferris so held in a reserved judgment in the Char-tery Division allowing an appeal is the Crossi from a determ ination of Kensington general commissioners that had upheld an appeal by the tasper er. Peter John Clarke, against an assessment to schedule L'income las for tous as by reducing an amount in respect of car benefit from \$3,464 to

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employed by National West-minster Bank plc. had made available for his use, consecutively two cars: a Citroen from April b lo August 5 and thereafter a Ford, in addition to private use, the taxpayer awered 1.425 business miles in the Citroen and a further L-152 business rinks after August 5 in By section 157 of the 1988 Act the

availability of a car gave rise to a charge for car benefit, and by Table A in Part I of Schedule 6 the cash equivalent of that benefit "in the case of cars with an original market value of up to \$19,250° was By paragraph 20 of Schedule 6 the cash equivalent was to be reduced by an amount "which bears to the full amount of the

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lent depended on a number of factors that included the original market value of the car, its age and cylinder capacity. The basic cash equivalent was then to be adjusted upwards or downwards to allow for various other factors. One of those was the extent to which the car was used for the employee's business travel,

The problem in the present case. which could not be an uncommon one, arose from the fact that the ear provided for the taxpayer was changed about one third of the way through the relevant tax year. His business travel in the two cars amounted in the aggregate to a little more than 2,500 miles.

The taxpayer contended that it. was that aggregate which had to be looked at and that the basic cash equivalent was not subject to any

Although the amount of tax at stake was small, it was said that importance on the construction of the legislation. That remained the case even though the relevant

legislation had been changed by the Finance Act 1993 in respect of the tax year 1974-95 and sub-Mr Henderson argued that the

commended it to the commis-sioners, was wrong. The statutory provisions, he submitted, would only work if they were applied to each car separately. That was mainly because the variables which had to be taken into account in ascertaining the

taxpayer's approach, the common sense and simplicity of which

basic cash equivalent for each car could only be applied to an individual car with particular characteristics, in terms of original. market value, age and cylinder Capacity. It so happened, he said, that the Citroen and the Ford in the present

case each had the same by equivalent, namely £2,990. But if either had differed from the other in material respects then they would have had different cash equivalents and what then, asked Mr Henderson, would be the cash equivalent to be increased under-

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the original car and its replace-ment had the same basic cash The approach adopted by the

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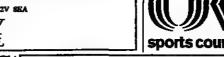


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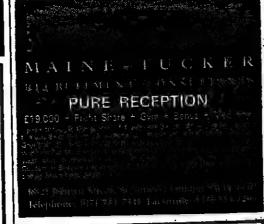
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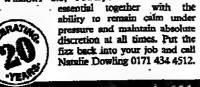
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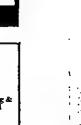
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# Robson plans final seal of approval

BOBBY ROBSON could take a giant step towards seeing out his contract as the Barcelona coach next season if the Catalan club can beat Paris Saint-Germain in the European Cup Winners' Cup final in Rotter-

dam tonight.
Robson, under pressure in Spain almost since the day that the season began and widely assumed to be an imminent casualty of the ar-Recruit rival of Louis van Gaal from Ajax, was the toast of the city on Saturday night after Barcelona had beaten Real Madrid 1-0 in front of 115,000 people in

the Nou Camp.
The result left Barcelona five points adrift of Real in the Spanish league with five games to play, and with the odds still in favour of Josep Lluis Nunez, the Barcelona president, bringing in Van Gaal at the end of the season under the cover of a new management structure.

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However, if Robson can boost his standing even further with victory tonight, and give Barcelona, their fourth triumph in the competition, it will grow increasingly difficult and emberrassing for Nunez to dispense with the services of a coach who has aiready

brought him much success. Whatever the result, it is likely that Robson's position will become clearer later this week, when the extent of his achievements becomes clear and Nunez no longer feels bound to keep quiet on his intentions, so as not to disturb the club's preparations.

If Nunez decides to press on with his plans to bring in Van Gaal, Robson will seek clarification of his position and may be driven into the arms of Everton. The prospect of succeeding Tommy Burns at Celtic does not interest the former England manager as much as that of succeeding Ice

Royle at Goodison Park Robson and his players had to be evacuated from a let at Barcelona airport on Monday when a bomb threat was made

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against the aircraft that was to carry them to Rotterdam. It only exacerbated Robson's acute problem of lack of

preparation.
"We are suffering from the fact that we had to play Real Madrid on Saturday," Robson said. "We were back in training the next day, but Paris Saint-Germain cancelled their last game and have been getting ready for this match for 12 days. They have been in

Holland for several days. "It is a big game for me and the club. We are in the final of the Spanish Cup, too, the first time the club has ever been in two major finals in one season, and it would be fantastic to bring some silverware back. All the politicking takes some of the shine off things, but I just want to get on with my.

Barcelona will be without Miguel Angel Nadal, their hard-tackling central defender, who was sent off in the second leg of their semi-final victory over Florentina, and are concerned about the fitness of Giovanni, who was injureti against Real.

Giovanni is one of four Brazilians whose possible involvement in the final has aroused enormous interest in his homeland — Brazil is among 156 countries televising a final that is likely to attract a worldwide audience of 350 million. Most eyes will be on his team-mate, Ronaldo, the striker who is widely acclaimed as the world's finest player, while Paris will be looking to Leonardo and Rai for inspiration.

Paris, the conquerors of Liverpool in the semi-finals. are bidding to become the first team to win the competition in successive seasons and are placing much of their faith in the form of Patrice Loko, their forward.

Loko, who joined Paris from Nantes in the summer of 1995. is the top scorer this season with 15 goals, despite a troubled start to his career at the club. Together with the capricious Núñez, he is likely to be the main threat to Robson's hopes of extending his reign in Spain beyond the end of this

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"Promotion has been the best form of advertising we've ever had," Stephen Lodge, a committee administrator for the Metropolitan Borough Council of Barnsley, said. "Its knock-on effect has been tremendous and we've had numerous enquiries, even from abroad, about inward investment. If many of them turn into jobs, it'll be a great step in the right direction.



Lodge reaches the pinnacle of his sporting career in the FA Cup Final on Saturday

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colours), a career that began

when the National Reserve

Club, a side that he helped to form, decided that they could

do without their less-than-

Lodge, 44, a supporter for 35 years, shares the excitement. He is also responsible, in a more minor role, for the continuing interest shown in Barnsley this week; why a succession of camera crews have trodden a path to the imposing town hall, built in 1933, long after Wilson's conquerors had been honoured at a civic reception. On Saturday, Lodge will referee the FA Final between Chelsea

quite enjoyed it. "Perhaps it was the power of it all. A young lad with a It is the pinnacle of 25 years whistle, making sure all these

big blokes did as they were told. Maybe if I'd had any trouble, I'd have chucked it in straight away ... and I wouldn't now be going to Wembley."
Lodge became a Football

promising teenage full back. League linesman in 1984, via "I wasn't picked for a friendly match and they didn't have a the Midland and Central ref either, so I got the job," Lodge said. "I didn't seem to leagues, and is in his eleventh season as a referee amid the have any problems and I professional ranks. He has officiated in the Premiership and in Europe for five years. takes charge of the Norway-

Brazil international in Oslo later this month. Combining work and play is not easy — at the general election, in Barnsley Central, he was assistant to the acting deputy returning officer — but he has sympathetic em-ployers. Keeping fit is less awkward. He plays squash every day, to county league first division standard, and often with Suzanne Horner, his regular playing partner and the former British wom-

en's No 1. A fter attracting unwel-come attention last season, by issuing the highest average number of cautions per Premiership game, Lodge has maintained a relatively low profile, yet he still believes that the spotlight is becoming unbearable. "Years ago, it was an honour to do a televised game," he said. "Now, you want to avoid

it like the plague,

1 understand the pressures on chairmen, managers and players, I accept that, but it's becoming a vicious circle and it's so easy to blame us. The longer you're in a job the easier it should get. In refereeing, it's directly opposite. The faster and with all the new and amended laws to think about, we're soon going to need computers."

Wembley will be a special occasion for Lodge and his wife, Susan, and son James, five, yet little can compare with the frequently fraught 90 minutes when Barnsley secured promotion by beating Bradford City 2-0 at Oakwell last month. "It was one of the best days of my life, unforgettable," Lodge said. "And, yes, along with everyone else, I

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# Windsor switch dims cup hopes

THE Royal Windsor Horse Show, which begins today in its traditional and spectacular setting in Home Park, at the foot of Windsor Castle, has assumed an added significance as the host of the British round of the Nations Cup.

Showing classes, dressage, international driving and showjumping make up a hecnc schedule over the next five days. The show, which has attracted a record 3,138 entries, cost £1 million to put on and will, in the words of Michael Bullen, the chairman, be "the biggest and best horse show in the world".

In contrast to Hickstead. which lost its chance to stage the Nations Cup because of a lack of sponsorship, Windsor is enjoying a resurgence in popularity. Three leading sponsors, Hildron, Land Rover and Samsung, have joined long-time supporters such as Harrods and Beneficial. More than £200,000 has been invested in improving facilities, including the provi-

sion of two extra rings.

The acquisition of the Nations Cup could not have been more timely. BCM Worldwide, the show's co-organisers, was intending to bring back international showjumping this year after 24 years. When the Nations Cup became available six weeks ago.

it seized the opportunity.
The competition, which in-

volves Ireland, Germany, Belgium, Britain and Holland. takes place on Sunday afternoon. Britain, having failed to reach the second round in the opening Nations Cup event at La Baule in France last

weekend, is taking no chances. Four top riders - Nick Skelton. Michael Whitaker. Geoff Billington and Robert Smith - make up the team that will attempt to win the Prince of Wales Cup for the third

successive year. Skelton, who had the only clear round in La Baule on Tinka's Boy, will ride either Showtime, his Olympic mare, or Zalza, who is fully recovered from the colic that kept him out of the World Cup event in Sweden two weeks ago. Whitaker is trying out Virtual Village Ashley in his first Nations Cup, Billington has Virtual Village It's Otto, on which he had the only double clear last year, and Smith relies on Tees Hanauer, the winner of the Olympia World Cup qualifier in December. John Whitaker, runner-up in the World Cup, asked to be excused in order to

give Welham a rest. For Ronnie Massarella, now in his 26th year as team manager, a win on Sunday is "doubly important" after the disappointment last weekend, but with Ireland and Holland fielding strong teams, he does not underestimate the task.

"Although it's on home ground it'll be strange home ground," he said. "Hickstead suited our riders whereas Windsor is an unknown quantity. The arena is very different."

The organisers are trying hard to minimise the difference, at least in terms of the going. In recent years the state of the main arena, which has to cope with the rigours of the King's Troop display, has been a contentious issue with the riders. This year, for the first time, Windsor is employing an outside contractor to ensure that the ground is in

the best condition. Prize-money over the five days totals £150,000 with £40,000 going to the Grand Prix winner on Friday eve-ning. Tomorrow sees the first of the four international team trials, which have been introduced by the British Show Jumping Association to try to produce a fairer selection process for the European championshins this summer. A league table will be produced after the last trial in July using the best three results gained

by each combination. The Harrods International Driving Grand Prix, in which the Duke of Edinburgh competes in the pony teams section and George Bowman at-tempts a ninth consecutive win in the horse team event. also begins tomorrow.



Graf leaps to conquer Rubin while making a successful comeback in the German Open in Berlin, after recovering from a knee injury

TENNIS

### Sampras put out in the first round

PETE SAMPRAS, the No I seed, was knocked out of the Italian Open in the first round yesterday, going down 7-6, 6-4 to Jim Courier on a historic day in

A few hours after Michael Chang. the world No 2, crashed out at the hands of Hernan Gumy, of Argentina, the world No 1 also found himself on the Foro Italico's centre court scrap

It was the first time in the history of the tournament, which goes back to 1930, that the two top seeds have gone out in the first round.

Sampras broke Courier in the first game but Courier, who won the tournament in 1992 and 1993, immediately broke back and it took a tie-

break to separate them. However, the second set was a very different affair, with Courier breaking Sampras for 4-1 before serving out for

Sampras, who has won three tournaments this year but lost his first match of the clay court season at Monte Carlo last month, finally clicked into gear to serve out for 5-2, break for 5-3 and serve for 5-4.

But it was all too late. Sampras sent a lob too long for match point and he could only return Courier's powerful

drive into the net. A rusty Steffi Graf, making her comeback from a knee injury yester-day, struggled past Chanda Rubin in three sets to reach the third round of the German Open in Berlin. Graf, battling to control her shaky strokes throughout the match, lost eight of the first nine points before recovering to

beat the American 6-3, 3-6, 6-1. "I just never found the right shot." said Graf, the top seed and defending champion.

Botham left , Ratil out of

tour party LIAM BOTHAM, the West Hartlebook centre, has missed out on the England Under-21 rugby union tour to Australia that starts next month, despite figuring on the fringes of the side this season.

concentrate on his cricket with Windhill, the Bradford League side. Chris Murphy, Botham's West Hartlepool team-mate, is the favourite to captain the powerful squad. The captain has not yet been appointed, but Murphy, a 6ft 8in second-row forward, performed with distinction during this season's home international series.

The son of Ian Botham, the former

England cricket all-rounder, can now

Full tour party, page 45

Sailing: Great Britain's only Grade I match racing event, the Hoya Royal Lymington Cup, got underway in the western Solent yesterday with a highclass field, including ten skippers in the top 20 in the world rankings. Leading the charge for Britain was Chris Law, ranked No 6 in the world, who started strongly with three wins out of four races in ideal sailing conditions.

☐ Rugby League: Alex Murphy, 58, stood down last night as the director of football at Warrington Wolves, but he is to remain at Wilderspool in a new commercial and promotional role. His move follows the appointment last month of Darryl Van de Veide as coach after John Dorahy parted company with the club.

☐ Boxing: Lennox Lewis's World Boxing Council heavyweight title defence against Henry Akinwande will be staged at Lake Tahoe, Nevada, on July 12. The deal with Don King, Akinwande's promoter, and HBO, the American cable television company backing Lewis, was signed on Monday

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### Rae of sunshine from Ramprakash

MARK RAMPRAKASH appears to have started this season determined to regain his place in the England team. Having scored a century for The Rest against England A at Edgbaston in April he gave another eyecatching performance in scoring 145 for Middlesex against Sussex at Lord's inthe county championship

last week. source of frustration during his Test career. His talent is not in doubt, but he has yet to bridge the gap between county and Test cricket.

The England selectors may still be deliberating about whether or not to give Ramprakash : another chance against Australia this summer, but R. Rae, of Luton, can have no regrets: about selecting him.

Rae's team. Jam Sandwich XI, has won the first weekly prize in The Times Interactive Team Cricket game. While Ramprakash scored most heavily for Jam Sandwich, with 237 points, Gloucestershire players also figure prominently.
The veteran Monte Lynch

has been in good form and has accrued 170 points, but has been helped by Gloucestershire colleagues Jack Russell; the discarded England wicketkeeper (172 points); Shaun Young the Australian all-rounder (164 points) and Tim Hancock

Another to have proved worth his place in Jam Sandwich XI is Darren Gough, the Yorkshire and England fast bowier, who underlined his early-season form with figures of five for 56 against Glamorgan at Headingley. Other points scorers for

Mr Rae were John Stephenson, the Hampshire captain.





who contributed 147 points and Graham Thorpe, the Surrey and England bats-man, with 108 points. This week's prize is three signed prints of Michael Atherton, Dominic Cork and Allan Lamb and a first edition of the PCA Year Book

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**BACING:** EPSOM BETTING UNDER SPELL OF CECIL-TRAINED FILLY AFTER IMPRESSIVE YORK VICTORY

# Reams Of Verse inspires Oaks dreams

moned the brilliance of her juvenile career to post a mag-nificent victory in the Tattersalis Musidora Stakes at York: yesterday. The filly now exerts a stranglehold on the Oaks market, for which the Tote, taken with the 11-length margin, quotes her at 5-4 on.

Like Sleepytime, her stablemate who improved beyond recognition for her seasonal debut. Reams Of Yerse was a different individual from the one who had failed to figure in. the 1,000 Guineas nine days earlier. She looked physically short of her best on that occasion and the impression was confirmed here as she ruthlessly put her nine opponents to the sword.

The outcome was inevitable

Luca Cumani was fined £700 and jockey Royston Ffrench banned for four days after being adjudged by the stew-ards to have breached the rules governing schooling Zaralaska at York yesterday. The geiding, who contested the Yorkshire Life Magazine Handicap after a lengthy absence, was disqualified from racing for 30 days.

from the moment she collared the leaders halfway down the straight. There were doubts about her stamina beyond a mile, but Reams Of Verse relished the combination of this extended ten furlongs and an easy surface, sprinting away from Vagabond Chanteuse and Etoile with complete

The Oaks examination will require Reams Of Verse — a half-sister to the Derby third, Elmaamul, whose best performances were over ten furlongs - to tackle 12 furlongs, almost certainly on faster ground. She may not be as effective in those circumstances, a fact acknowledged by Ladbrokes in their post-

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8.20 BUNGLAHABHAH 12 Y O SINGLE MALT SELLING HANDLCAP HURDLE (22,775; 3m 110yd) (11)

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8.50 HIGHLAND PARK 12 YO MALT CONDITIONALS HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,640: 2m 110yd) (7)

MOVICES HURDLE (£2,528: 2m-110yd) (4)

2-1 Breyton, 5-2 Shinozom, 3-1 Mr Brond; 7-2 Mailin's Gott.

7.50 FAMOUS GROUSE HANDICAP CHASE

6.20 CAMERON MICHORS MAIDEN HURDLE

(£2,747: 2m-4i 110yd)-(18)

REAMS OF VERSE sum- race 7-4 quote. She also came up against a substandard field here, although it would be churlish to belabour these details in the light of her crushing superiority.

Nevertheless, Reams Of Verse's success stirred memories of All At Sea, who won this race five years ago. All At Sea started a hot favourite for the Oaks but was outgalloped on soft ground by the stamina-laden User Friendly.

The equation appears finely balanced, although Henry Cecil, who trains Reams Of Verse, was in no mood to entertain the doubters. "I don't think there is a flaw," he said. "She was impressive today. She showed a good turn of foot and she settles so well I am sure the Oaks trip won't bother her."

Another classic card, albeit of less obvious worth, was played by Barry Hills after he saddled The Fly to secure an authoritative victory in the Shepherd Trophy Handicap. Rarely does a Derby colt emerge from the handicap ranks, but The Fly is clearly a cut above that class. "I have always thought of him as an Irish Derby horse but we will seriously consider Epsom now," Hills said after the grey swept from last to first in the 13-runner field.

Whatever The Fly achieves, his victory here guarantees his photograph a place on Mich-ael Hills's mantlepiece. Having been marooned on the 999winner mark for ten days, the jockey finally reached four figures in the silks he donned when gaining his first classic winner aboard Nicer in Ireland four years ago.

I was hoping to reach the landmark on Further Flight at Chester last week," Hills said. "Further Flight has done so much for my career but at least The Fly is related to him. Not many people ride one thousand winners so I am a

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Reams Of Verse and Kieren Fallon prove themselves the No 1 combination in the Musidora Stakes at York yesterday

### No fears for Apprehension in Dante

CHANNEL4

2.05: Papering, placed twice in group one company last autumn, including here in the Yorkshire Oaks, should take this. Luca Cumani confirmed yesterday she is fit enough to do herself justice. Charlotte Corday, who enjoys the advantage of race fitness, is her only serious rival, having shown improved form on her seasonal debut at Ascot when just beaten by Nwaamis.

2.35: Lynda Ramsden's two runaway sprint winners at Chester reappear here before the handicapper gets to grips with them for their easy victories. Although the ground from the Roodeye it will be a surprise if they are not involved in the finish. Surprise



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION Mission completed a quick

treble six days ago, having previously beaten Stuffed and Twice As Sharp at Thirsk, but the way Bishops Court won in a canter had to be seen to be believed. The winning margin of two lengths could have been ten and with Jimmy Fortune, the stable jockey, opting for the fast improving three yearold, he looks worth following. 3.10: This is the most competi-

none can be ruled out in what should be an informative Derby trial. Medaaly beat Poteen to win the Racing Post Trophy last year but was on the sidelines for much of the winter with a chipped knee bone. Desert Story, the Craven Stakes winner, was beaten twice last year by Benny The Dip, who should be better for his seasonal reappearance behind Voyagers Quest. That form was boosted by the victory of the third, Silver

Patriarch, in the Lingfield Derby Trial. Yorkshire, backed for the Derby yesterday, won his only start last year by seven lengths in a fast time and Paul Cole has been pleased with the way the son of Generous, the 1991 Derby winner, has been working. However, once-raced Apprehension, who bettered the

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.making a winning debut at Haydock last autumn, interests me. The In The Wings colt is bred to be even more effective over this trip and has been working well.

3.40: Any rain would make Winter Romance a good bet. He is best with cut in the ground as he showed when winning at Haydock last May, albeit off a 10lb lower mark. Concer Un, a course and distance Winner, is fairly treated but his wide draw is a disadvantage. Michael Stoute won this race three years ago with Soviet Line and Insatiable is interesting despite being 4lb out of the handicap. He would have won the Britannia Handicap at Royal Ascot last year but for a slipped saddle.

RICHARD EVANS

### LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

(3-Y-0: £2,277: 6f) (14 runners) 

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3.20 BILBAO LIMITED STAKES (52,888: 1m 2l) (7)

3-1 Top Shell, 7-2 Bagshel, 9-2 Rising Dough, Scarlel Crescent. 8-1 Anthor Vesture, Enchanting Eve, Smart Boy.

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(7) 2-06 STOPPES BROW 13 (V,C,F,E,B) 5 L Moore 5-10-0
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4.20 SAN SEBASTIAN MAIDEN STAKES

(1) 1402 GERERAL HAVEN 9 (CD.G) 7 Nauphton 4-10-0 C Duffield 91 (13) 206 CANTON VENTURE 1664 (D.F.S) 5 Nauch 5-9-13 W Ryam 92 (6) 20-0 NEWFORT KNISHT 21 (E.D.F.S) 8 Nauch 5-9-12 S Sanders 98

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2.05 Papering 2.35 Kira

3.40 Winter Romance 4.10 Bodyguard 4.40 MIDYAN BLUE (nap)

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4,10 BODYGUARD. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2,05 Papering 3.10 BENNY THE DIP (nap). 3.40 Hammerstein

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2.05 GROSVENOR CASINGS MIDDLETON STAKES (Listed, £11,095; 1m 2l 85yd) (5 runners)

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### 2.35 GROSVENOR CASINO LEEDS SPRINT

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3.40 GROSVENOR CASINOS HAMBLETON HANDICAP (Listed; £13,140: 7l 202yd) (14 runners)

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4.10 GROSVENOR CASINO SHEFFIELD CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-0: £6,831: 6f) (4 runners)

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4.40 GROSVENOR CASINO MANCHESTER HANDICAP (£7,830. 1m 5f 194yd) (16 runners)

BETTING: 6-1 Pile Creal, 13-2 Tempole 7-1 Milyon Blue 8-1 Sege Perlous. Opaque Suntmerhill Soc 10-1 Raffles Roosler Turgeney, 12-1 Arctic Fanty, Totem Dancer, 14-1 others. 1996: CELERIC 4-10-0 W Carson (3-1 tar) D Morley 9 car

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Nap: BISHOPS COURT Next best: Pike Creek (4.40 York)

SPECIALISTS.

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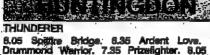
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6.05 ladies evening selling Handicap Hurdle (21,891:  $2\mathrm{m}$  51 110yd) (11 runners) 

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10 PASS FRET 11 (6.5) J Weinbertight 7-10-0. IN Williamington (7)
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6.35 HEALTH SPA WATER NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,408; 3m 2f) (10)

1 1002 HORTHERN STAR 12 (C.F.6) J Palaring 8-11-10

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3 GPC-STORMY SESSION 16 M Twiston-Davies 6-11-2 C Lievellyn
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5 P41 FERREDDS WATERS 3D (II) New V Williams E-11-8
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7.05 DELOITTE & TOUCHE CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS MOVICES CHASE (£2,887: 2m 110yd) (7)

7.35 HARTLEY'S JAM QUANTUM LEAP HANDICAP HURDLE (22,756: 2m 110yd) (4) 

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3.50 LEMA HANDICAP (£5,226: 1m) (8)

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4.50 SANTIAGO HANDICAP (£3,720: 1m 4f) (13)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

ACCEPTS: S Whatworth, 35 witness from 183 nates, 19.1%, W Byzo, 20 litera 112, 17.9%; S Dullield, 23 from 143, 15.4%; M Wightern, 15 from 112, 17.9%; S Dullield, 23 from 149, 15.4%; M Wightern, 15 from 167, 14.0%, Paul Endery, 13 from 98, 19 3%, D Hamiston, 32 from 242, 13.2%.

CRICKET

## Atherton's chance to recapture lost form

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

AS OPPONENTS around the world will testify, Michael Atherton is at his most dangerous in adversity. Today, then, may see his overdue return to form. He must bat on an Old Trafford pitch destined to start green, the first Eng-land team of the summer is about to be chosen and some malcontents are saying that he should not be in it.

It will come as a surprise to many that Atherton considers he is on good terms with his batting - even though the England captain concedes that an aggregate of 95 runs in seven innings for Lancashire this season is not a ringing endorsement of his form.

"I need one good innings," he said yesterday. This is precisely what Mark Taylor was saying 24 hours earlier. The difference is that the Australia captain has been misfiring, over a lengthy per-iod, in Test cricket, while Atherton's lean sequence only concerns county games.

"I do feel in pretty good nick," Atherton said. "There would be a problem if I didn't. with the internationals so close, but as it is I have no doubt at all that I should be in the one-day side.

"County form at the start of our season can often mean very little. Most of the Eng-land guys have struggled a bit and, speaking for myself, I don't feel I have properly got into the season yet. I've only played one first-class innings. which is a regular problem with our county programme at this time of year.

Atherton is aware of the lobby convinced he should stand down from the Texaco Trophy games, and perhaps from the England one-day side altogether, but he does not agree. "I haven't played well in one-day cricket since the World Cup, but it's not so consistent batsman in this form of the game. I know I can

Technically, selection is out of Atherton's hands and he will not be present when David Graveney, Graham Gooch and Mike Gatting gather in London on Saturday to debate the one-day party. He will, though, be in telephone contact and has been assured that he will retain some input.

There is no real doubt that Atherton will continue to open the batting in the Texaco games. No doubt, either, that the selectors would be reassured by a decent score from him today, when Nottinghamshire are the visitors. Lancashire expect to welcome back Mike Watkinson, the captain, and Glen Chapple.
Nick Knight would normal-

ly be an automatic choice, at least in limited-overs cricket, as Atherton's opening partner for England, but the finger he broke so badly in New Zealand has complicated the thinking. He will be closely watched at Edgbaston today. when he is due to captain Warwickshire in an intriguing championship fixture against

Graeme Hick is another whose one-day selection was once a formality. After starting the season as badly as Atherton — aithough he made 40 against Lancashire on Monday — Hick intends to open the batting for Worces-tershire in the Parks today. Whether the selectors will be seduced by even a doublecentury against the students of Oxford is another matter.

Mark Ramprakash, also on the fringes of an international recall, is fit again after a hamstring strain and plays for Middlesex against Derby-shire, again without Dominic Cork — one player who certainly will not be named by England on Sunday morning. Surrey, the title favourites. will be up against David Lawrence on the Oval pitch he always enjoyed in his pomp. ie the maich of the found could be at Canterbury, where

Atherton's batting figures.



Mark Taylor, the Australia captain, stretches himself as the touring party begins its preparations for the defence of the Ashes at Lord's yesterday

### Lord's retains all its charms bar one

by the wet fingers of an early English summer, Lord's is still something else. as the Australian cricketers having nets there this week cannot fail to realise. The rebuilt Grandstand is not ready, and there are two vast, unsightly legs of stone at the Nursery End that will eventually support the new media centre, but even in its incompicteness the ground maiestic.

Of course it is. Lord's is unique. It has played a meaty part in the social history of the world's greatest capital city. and continues to do so because it constantly renews itself. When, ten years ago, Michael Hopkins designed the Mound Stand elevation be got a bad press. Who now, looking at this village marquee in the heart of the city. which floods the ground with light, would deny that it looks absolutely natural?

The ground has absorbed all sorts of changes down the past two decades. If you look Glamorgan are the visitors. at old pictures of Lord's it is evident that, in every respect After two virtual washouts. the championship is in urgent save one, the place has never need of a lift, rather like looked better. Come June, when the second Test starts. this small chunk of St John's Wood will resemble a veritable Arcadia.

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In every respect save one, I said, and it is not difficult to guess the one. Today, when the Tavern outside the Grace Gates reopens after another change of hands, it is time to honour the old one, the proper one, underneath the stand that still bears its name, and ceased to exist in any proper sense in 1986. That was when the public concourse was bricked in, and seats installed. They remain there, unloved

and largely unused. The Tavern was the 'lung' of Lord's. It was where th world went to argue, drink and do daft things. It was frequented by poets and conmen; retired gents and students on the sly; men from the City and women of low morals; viscounts, tinkers and, even, the odd cricketer. It was the most vivid place on the ground.

In his marvellous book, The Best Loved Game, a wide-1978 season. Geoffrey Moorhouse recalled how Tavern-side spectators at the Eton v Harrow match failed to recognise the famous cricketer among them: Keith Ross

MICHAEL . HENDERSON



Line and Length

Miller! Well, Miller will be over again soon from Australis and will no doubt admire his portrait in the Long Room and enjoy a drink in the MCC committee room, but I imagine he would rather nurse a pint of something disgusting in the Tavern. Nobod went there for the quality of

Until 1967, the Tavern was actually a pub you could enter from the street and where, as Ian Nairn wrote, for the price of a pint you could enjoy a view of the most famous meadow in the kingdom. On the other side of it. in summer, was that wonderfully democratic concourse. Part of the fun was not knowing who would be there. The cast changed every day.
It was where the distin-

guished novelist, V.S. Naipaul eavesdropped on West Indies supporters at the 1963 Test, and got a very good piece out of it; where Richard Burton, joshed by actor friends for lingering at the cricket when he should have been preparing for that night's performance at the Old Vic, replied "Oh, it's only Iago", (the second longest role in Shakespeare), it was where you found a comradeship in sport that cannot exist

any more. There is a lot of talk these days about "the people", and now that Tony Banks is the Minister for Sport there something that is should be no end of bogus missed;

really was about people, not in a grim proletarian way, but in the way that people can change a life by impinging upon it however briefly. It was rowdy from time to time but there was never any bad behaviour. It was a jolly place.

The seats crept in there for one day finals and eventually, MCC decided that the demand for Test match tickets was so great that it had to accommodate its members somewhere and fliat somewhere happened to be the Tavera: Then came Fills borough, and the Taylor Report, although it is difficult to see how the new hims relate to a place like the Tayern, where speciators could never be at risk, being so close to the field.

Come on Roger Knight, you're the MCC secretary. Rip out those seats and restore one of the ground's great original features. There is more to Lord's than the rights of MCC members it speak is badliy

### Kent gain point and secure top billing in last eight

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

FEWER than five overs' play were possible at Bristol in the Benson and Hedges Cup match between Gloucestershire and Kent yesterday before more heavy rain descended on an already damp ground and the game was abandoned.

Curiously, the result pleased both clubs. Kent took the point that guaranteed that they finished top of group C and secured a home quarterfinal, while Gloucestershire's point lifted them above Sussex. On the day of the quarter-finals, May 21, they will have the privilege of entertaining the Australians in Bristol for a three-day match.

Gloucestershire were making impressive progress be-fore the rain. They carried their overnight score of 25 without loss to 45 in three overs, with Monte Lynch adding three more fours as Kent called on their medium pace pair. Ealham and Fleming. Tony Wright also glanced a foundary off Fleming, but was bowled when he essayed an off drive to an inswinger, Gloucestershire were 50 for one when the rain came.

The Scottish cricket authorifies were left counting the cost of the weather after rain washed out the match against Nottinghamshire without a ball being bowled, despite their efforts to change the venue.

The game was due to take place at Titwood in Glasgow and the Scottish Cricket Union (SCU)spent around £3,000 making the ground ready. When it became obvious over the weekend that the ground was too wet, the game was switched to Grange Cricket Club, in Edinburgh, with a further outlay of around £1,500, but the rain followed. "It's rather annoying

because we are a pretty impecurious union," Alex Ritchie, the SCU general manager, said. "We probably wouldn't have made much money on the gate, which didn't make it worth insuring, but, you know, people always drink beer." The SCU has insured COLE COLE COLV Australians at Grange on

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# THEEHAN on BRIDGE

### By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

This was another hand played by John Probst, who did the righ thing on yesterday's hand. My main contact with him is in his role as a tournament director, telling me cheerfully that I have five minutes to finish three boards. He said he thought he made an "unlucky expert" play on this hand.

Dealer North North-South game

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**♣** J 10 6 Contract: Six Dismonds by South. Lead: seven of hearts

With the ten of hearts being such a useful card. Six Notrumps is probably the best North-South contract. However. Six Diamonds looks sound enough. Probst won the heart lead in dummy and, showing he knows his safety plays, continued with a diamond to the king and a low diamond. When West followed low he put in the nine. Unfortunately East won the queen, and gave his partner a heart ruff.

What do you think of declarer's play? If avoiding two diamond losers was the only danger in the hand, then what Probst did was correct. He was unlucky that hearts were 5-1. But there is more in the hand than that. Say after king and another diamond West shows out. Now East has Q 10 of diamonds, and declarer is by no means home. Even if he had unblocked the clubs before playing diamonds, after taking a club ruff the blockage in spades would still be a problem. Perhaps better after this start would be to play for the hearts to come in after one ruff, But it still needs a favourable distribution.

I think the safety play is a delusion - best is just to play the ace of diamonds and a diamond to the jack if East follows low on the second round. Now even if the diamonds are 4-1 declarer is in control. This line loses two diamonds to West if he started with Q l0 x x, but note that if he had that holding he could have made it awkward on Probst's line of play by splitting on the second round. An un-safety play I think.

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### WORD-WATCHING

### By Philip Howard

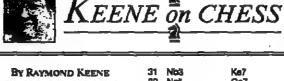
**ABANNITION** a. Absent-mindedness b. Banishment c. Perversity

ATRAMENT a. Ink b. The end gable c. An overcoat

BUMBARD a. A bomb b. A bee c. A cavalry sergeant

RASTO

a. Ace of clubs b. A cudgel c. Enough! Answers on page 46



CHESS CORRESPONDENT

England on top

After seven rounds of the European team championship in Pula. Croatia, England dominates with 19 points out of a possible 28. The England team leads by a clear twopoint margin over Croatia, Russia, Armenia and Ger-

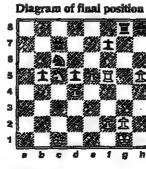
In the seventh round, England slaughtered Hungary 3-1. Here is Michael Adams's win in the match against Armenia from the sixth round. White: Michael Adams

Black: Smbat Loutian European team championship Pula, May 1997

French Defence

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### England women

After a fine start the England women's team has fallen back in the race for medals following a crushing 2-0 defeat by Romania. Current scores are as follows: Georgia 11/14; Romania 94; England, Russia and Greece 9.

### Times book

The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in The Times, and is available now from bookshops or from B.T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276 at £6.99 plus postage and packing).

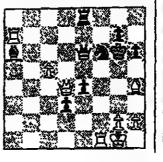
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### WINNING MOVE

### By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Genius — Timman, Aegon Simultaneous 1997. This position is from a game played in a tournament contested between humans and computers. Computers are weak in strategic areas, but very strong in tactical situations. How did Genius demonstrate its

Solution on page 46





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WOMEN'S CRICKET

By SARAH POTTER

# Small stands tall to sink Derbyshire

BY RICHARD HOBSON

DERBY (Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire (2pts) beat Derbyshire by one wicket

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IT IS finishes like this that explain the appeal of one-day cricket. The Benson and Hedges Cup contest encompassed the good, the bad and, at times, the ugly and was decided to the surprise of everybody, including the heroic batsmen, when Gladstone Small drove the penultimate ball from Devon Malcolm for a winning six over long off.

After a fine start, Warwickshire had collapsed from 124 for one to 193 for nine and required 12 from the final over. When Small met Malcolm with the full swing of his bat, all parties appeared to lose sight of the ball in the sun. What felt like an age passed before Barrie Leadbeater, the umpire, raised his arms.

That single clean hit en-sured that Warwickshire climbed above Derbyshire and Lancashire to finish in second place behind Yorkshire in the group, and thus enter: the draw for the quarter-finals

Derbyshire failed to kick on from an opening stand of 114 between Chris Adams and Kim Barnett. Adams almost edged Donald on to his stumps and rashly chanced

### SCOREBOARD

A Khen c Piper b Smell Clarke run cut Traini (8 wids, 60 overs)

FÁLL OF WICKETS: 1-114, 2-114, 3-130, 4-141, 5-150, 6-174, 7-201, 8-201, WLING: Densiti 10-0-32-2: Brown 10-1-0: Which 5-0-34-0; Gles 10-0-37-1; Small 1-3; Smath 5-0-20-1. WANTACKSHIP

"N,V Knight e and b Clarke ...... N M K Smith b Malcolm ........ D R Brown Box b Clarke .......

Total (9 wids, 49.5 overs) 217

FALL OF WIGGETS: 1-28, 2-134, 3-128, 4-152, 5-163, 6-191, 7-191, 8-193, 9-193

his fortune against the arm of Knight, but otherwise appeared untroubled and took to the Warwickshire attack with

A sweep against the spin of Giles raised his fifty and a straight six in the slow left armer's next over suggested further beligerence. Small. however, produced a delivery that skidded underneath another attempt to pull and his dismissal, for 61, prompted an alarming decline.

In the next over, Barnett perished attempting to force Giles through the offside and was followed when Jones yorked himself playing a grotesque shot "on the walk" against Small. Clarke was run out amid confusion with Khan and Khan himself found Piper both alert and adroit behind the stumps when he glanced Small finely.

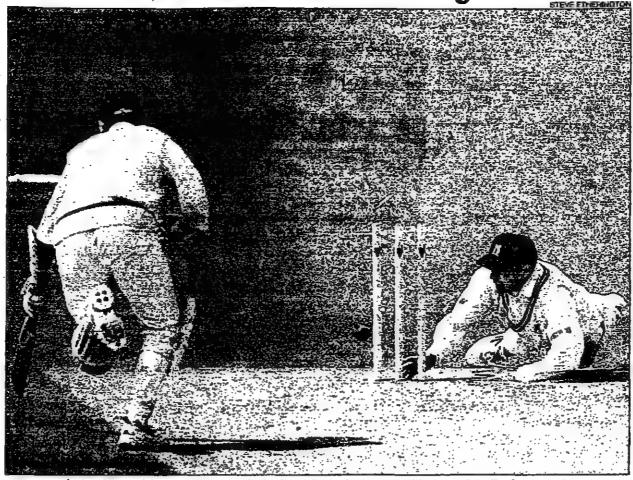
Krikken and Defreitas opted for consolidation at a crucial stage of the innings and added just 24 in ten overs. DeFreitas chipped Neil Smith to mid-wicket and the total of 216 for eight appeared at least 30 runs short.

Where Adams had plundered anything remotely loose, Nick Knight opted for a studious response. He was missed by Krikken on 24 and required 106 balls to complete a sombre half-century. Nevertheless, this was no mean effort from a player in just his second innings of the season.
Until Clarke entered the

attack as the sixth bowler. Warwickshire appeared to be progressing smoothly enough. Delivering leg breaks from a flat trajectory, he firstly ac-counted for Brown, ending a second-wicket stand of 96 with Knight, and induced panic in the remaining top order.

He beat a forcing shot from Hemp and then hit the leg stump of Ostler, who had gone too far across, and capped that by holding a return catch from Knight at the second attempt.

Harris rejoined the attack to prompt the dismissals of Penney and Welch, both caught hitting out, and then bowled Giles before Piper was run out after the umpire had called for a replay. Derbyshire had shown great spirit and bowled intelligently during their recovery, but the game to turn against them



Smith, of Warwickshire, runs out Clarke for a single during a thrilling match at Derby yesterday

### Ailing Middlesex out of their depth

BY IVO TENNANT

LORD'S: Somerset (2pts) beat Middlesex by 27 runs

TO BEAT Somerset yesterday. Middlesex would have had to make a higher total to win a Benson and Hedges Cup match than they had ever managed before. It was symptomatic of their form in this competition that this never appeared feasible. Somerset, who batted with great vigour, are through to the quarter-finals, but will have to

play away from Taunton. Middlesex did not win any of their four qualifying matches, and it is necessary to go back to 1974 to discover when that last occurred. If Mike Gatting is in a tempestuous mood at present - and, of course, he will be

ledge that Mike Brearley, his predecessor as captain, did not always possess an aichemist's touch. At least not until he sorted out the perceived cliques in the dressing-room.

In 1974, Middlesex had Titmus and Murray, Emburey and Price. Ramprakash out of this side. as occurred on Monday when he pulled a hamstring, and re is not the same depth. Weekes made 77 yesterday and there was a considerable contribution from Moffat, but they never had a proper chance of winning.

This was not a particularly memorable match. There were so many stoppages on Monday that Somerset's innings was a thoroughly disjointed affair, which meant that their achievement in to-, talling 287 for six was all the

who had 54 overnight, fin-ished with 79 off 117 balls and won the gold award. He and Harden, who was suffering from back trouble and needed a runner, enabled Somer-

set to add 115 in 12 overs. Twice in succession Harden swung Weekes for six. When he was finally caught at deep cover, off Fay, he had belted 66 off 47 balls with four fours and three sixes. There was further strongarm hitting from Turner, who struck two sixes in the last over of the innings. His unbeaten 30 came off only 11 balls.

Such specators as there were started to drift off to the Nursery End, where the Australians were practising with marked intensity and scant sign of jet lag. They knew that Middlesex had about as much chance of beating Somerset

although the margin of defeat misleadingly suggested the outcome was close.

Kallis played one superlative back-foot drive off Rose before he was taken at the wicket. The catch that Turner held to remove Gatting, righthanded, low and at full stretch, was splendidly athletic for such a tall man. Weekes stayed until he tried to loft Burns over long-on, striking nine fours and a six and rarely hitting the ball other than cleanly.

Nobody stayed with him for long. Pooley and Brown went cheaply, and when Moffat struck a half-century off 37 balls it only boistered his own game. Ramprakash will return to play against Derby-shire at Lord's today, when Middlesex will be glad to be taking part in a game of

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BERLIN: Women'a kournament: First round: L Nesland (Lab) bit A-G Sidot (Fr) 6-3, 6-4 M Pierce (Fr) bit E Wagner (Gen) 6-2, 6-3, 8 Schuck-Als-Campy (Holl) bit P Schmyder (Switz) 6-1, 6-4 E Martinorova (C2) bit T Lishovisevo (Russ) 6-1, 6-4 S Testud (Fr) bit E Callens (Bel) 6-1, 6-4 S Testud (Fr) bit E Callens (Bel) 6-1, 6-4 S Testud (Fr) bit E Callens (Bel) 6-1, 6-3, 8 Hitmer (Gen) bit E Callens (Bel) 6-1, 6-3, 8 Hitmer (Gen) bit Callens (Bel) 6-1, 6-4

#### YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Benson & Hedges Cup Gloncestershire v Kent

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Total (1 wkl. 9 overs) S Young, "M W Alleyne R I Dawson † R C Russell, T H C Hancock, M C J Bull A M Smith and R P Daws did not ball FALL OF WICKET 1-45 SOWLING McCague 3-0-12-0 Headley 2 3-10-0 Flemmg 2-0-10-1, Ealham 2-0-10

Middlesex v Somerset SOMERSET

M N Lathwell c Weekes b Hewitt M Burns c Mollet b Frasce Total (6 wkts, 50 overs) BOWLING Howm 10-1-49-2 Fay 10-0-63 1, Frager 10-1-23-1, Johnson 10-0-50-0 Kallis 7-0-49-2 Weekes 3-0-32-0

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Gold award P D Bowler.

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#### The future is bright for women's crickel. The sponsorship deal with Vodafone — a £13 million. five-vear package — negotiated through the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), could mean

as much as £50,000 a year to the women. The backing has been made possible by the increasingly close links being forged with the men's game. Here, the Women's Cricket Association (WCA) is following the lead of all its interna tional rivals; Australia and New Zealand have benefited most from the

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professional structure of heir male counterparts. Money makes a difference, as better standards lift the profile and credibility of the sport. England's women recently called on Mike Gatting to fine-tune their

for the series of five oneday internationals against South Africa this summer but more for their defence of the World Cup in India this winter. The Middlesex captain and new England selector led a training session at Lord's in March and has agreed to help again in the future.

"What impressed me was that the WCA made an effort to get people in. talk about the weaknesses they had identified, and something about them." Gutting said.

Those weaknesses are being assessed by Megan Lear, the England coach. and include physical fitness. Gatting adds, without trace of irony: "They need to do a little more work in the gym -- not to make them macho women but to improve strength and general fitness."

It is a process already under way. England's furest now regularly pump and pound aching muscles at Lilleshall to personal programmes and squad testing ensures compliance. Mental preparation is also high on the list of

priorities. They must learn to be confident in everything they do." Gatting said. "To always have a plan when they go out, and play to it.

If that fails, there is always your hack-up plan. It all helps to raise standards." Gatting suggests that the women need to play against better players: men. Not. he emphasises. for the women to be "humiliated", but to quicken

up reactions. "If you play over a period of time against players quicker and stronger, you get used to it. Under-19s would be a good starting-point." Or perhaps even youn-

ger. A pity. then, that Laura Joyce. 12 a Middlesex junior, was refused entry to the Easter coaching course held at the Lord's indoor school on the grounds that it is traditionally an event reserved for the sons and grandsons of MCC members. Laura's mother has written to the WCA executive director. Barbara Daniels. seeking an explanation.

IRONICALLY, relations between Lord's and the ladies have never been better. On August 20, the little white gate leading onto the green and precious turi will once again open. in a flutter of white skirts and skipping heartheats, to admir England's women for a one-day international. For this day. at least no corner of cricket's home is out of

"We get the same treatment as an international men's team, including practice and changing facilities. We are very well looked after." Daniels

By that time, in high summer, at least one stuffy MCC rule will have changed: the Long Room will be a smoke-free zone. Curiously, some oppo-nents of the smoking ban seemed to equate their campaign with that of the by. It seems that change in a men's club can feel threatening. Perhaps the clear support for cleaner air bodes well for a move

Sarah Potter's column will appear fortnightly

### Emburey turns thoughts to appeal of retirement

ohn Emburey, in his 25th season as a county cricketer, is preparing to ease his way out of the first class game in order to concentrate on his job as the Northamptonshire

Emburey, 44, will begin to phase himself out of the championship side from middle to late June with a view to announcing his retirement soon afterwards. "It is not that championship cricket is get-ting any more difficult," he said. "I'm still enjoying it, I'm still bowling well and I still think I've got a bit to offer, but the priority now is the other

players.

Fereiny Snape has started the season well and is going to be our No I off spinner, and if Michael Davies, our young left-arm spinner, bowls anything like as well as he did in pre-season when he gets back from Loughborough University, I will be looking to rush

him into the side." Emburey, though, will still be available if required. "I will probably play some one-day cricket because I still regard myself as one of the best oneday bowlers in the country." he said, "and there may be the odd occasion when I am needed in the championship. There will be nothing to stop me playing ... just as there is

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nothing to stop Graham Gooch opening the batting against Australia this summer. I think he should."

### Bowler's blast

Here we go again. The Australians have arrived and all the talk is about how much better their cricket is than ours. Rubbishing the Poms, they

believing the propaganda.

is that they have every reason to want to rubbish our cricket," he said. "They are not

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Here's something to pass the time.



call it. Peter Bowler, the Somerset captain, speaks the language. He was born in England but brought up in Australia, where he played for the under-19 side and for Tasmania in the Sheffield Shield. He believes that it is time we stopped

"What we should remember

### telling us how to improve our game because they want it to improve; they are doing it because they want us to pull

our game apart. Frankly, they've got nothing to spout about. I remember Mike Gatting's side going over there and winning the Ashes ten years ago, and Allan Border saying that the difference between the teams was that county cricket was much stronger than Sheffield Shield cricket. I don't think that has

changed. "Any one of the players England pick this summer would thrive in the Sheffield Shield. We have just as much talent as they have - apart from a legendary leg spinner who has made a hell of a difference to their team in the last four or five years."

### Different class

No one can say that the newlyformed England and Wales Cricket Board is not trying to get it right from top to bottom. Their latest initiative is a ringbound book, simply written and graphically illustrated, entitled Time to Play, which has been sent to 5,000 primary schools all round the country.

It comes on top of a series of courses last year, when the board's development officers spent up to six hours instructing more than 3,300 teachers in the basics of coaching.

### Caught in covers The first reported case of ball-

tampering this summer had a couple of novel twists. It was the batsman, not the bowler, who was accused, and the cover-up came before, and not after, the event.

It happened during Northamptonshire's game against Somerset, when the umpires asked Malachy Loye to change his bat because the nylon protective cover was marking the ball as though it was made of sandpaper.

Stuart Waterton, the product manager of Gray Nicolls, who supplied the bat, could not believe it. "It is not some new ploy that we have worked out to try to blunt the bowling attack," he said. "It is a bat with our 'superiest' cover which has been used around the world for at least 20 years."

PONTRY'S LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool 3 Everton 1 AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: FATHER TIMES

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Mere baubles? Goulding, left, hoists the Challenge Cup. Richards shows off the Pilkington Cup and Cantona displays the FA Cup

# A showpiece losing its magic

story about George Best. Already sunk deep into his chaotic retirement, he was lolling after a casino gambling spree in a hotel room filled with fivers and a blonde. And the Irish waiter opening the second bottle of champagne asked: "Tell me, George — where did it all go wrong?"

On Saturday. Middlesbrough play in the FA Cup Final. It is their second cup final of the year, for they had a previous glory run in the Coca-Cula Cup. This is a tremendous achievement: and across football, people have spent the week asking where it

Well, it has gone wrong, has it not? Middlesbrough have been relegated from the Premiership, and all that remains is to watch the financial disaster, the diaspora of international superstars, the dismantling of a dream and the new vision of English football being rent in twain.

What then of the FA Cup? Is this merely a bauble, a trifle, a bagatelle, scarcely worth the trouble of mentioning? Time pride and the glory of English football: a vision of triumph championship was nothing. The league: worthy but dul nourishing but no feast: palatable but no champagne.

Now, it seems, the FA Cup Final is but an after-dinner mint: an agreeable, but frivolous thing that comes after the serious business has been completed. It is not to be confused with the real thing, which is league competition.

The downgrading of the cup is not unique to football. It happened last weekend in rugby union. Leicester beat Sale in the Pilkington Cup final, in a match that was spectacularly lacking in any sense of occasion, of drama, It was a match too far for

two knackered sides. Their league meeting, just a week before, had been full of incident and drama, but the cup final held no spice. Leicester ground out a win that pleased no one but themselves. The end of the season came with the final whistle - and it could not come quickly enough for

Rugby league has gone the other way. Now we have a summer Super League, the SIMON BARNES



new players."

manager's job depends on such things, so too do the jobs

of players, in football and in

thing to look for - at least in a

professional colleague. You

also admire it in the person

who comes to fix the pipes.

You do not look to a plumber

for beauty, grace under pres-

WORD-WATCHING

(b) A banishment for one or two years for manslaughter, according to Blount's Glossary of 1656.

(a) Blacking or ink, any similar black substance, as the ink of the cuittle-fish. From the Latin arramentum blacking.

(b) A bumble-bee, a drone. Also figuratively a droning person, a driveller. Hence, as an adjective, lazy, indolent, drivelling. Hence the American bum.

(a) The ace of clubs in quadrille and ombre. From the Spanish, where the whole suit of Clubs is called Bastos, and the ace of Clubs is el Basto par excellence.

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the final, the weekend before last, the side of the moment, Bradford, gave a wayward performance against St Helens. Again, a poor match.

Yet when the sides met in the soi-disant Super League last weekend. Bradford were a side transformed. They gave a performance of will and muscle and they were men inspired. Never mind the cup: this was the real thing.

That is what managers say again and again. A cup run is sure, wit, courage and a taste Challenge Cup has become a nice, but the league is our for glory. You seek only this

pulis off a giant-killing, no manager basks in the glory. absence of vice.
"The great fallacy is that the Instead, he talks about the

game is first and last about league and what he will do with the money. Which reminds me of the chairman of winning," said Danny Blanch-flower. "It's nothing of the the small club giving a pre-cup-match pep talk: "Win this one for me, lads, and I promise kind. The game is about glory. It's about doing things in style, with a flourish, about going you i'll spend all the money on out and beating the other lot. not waiting for them to die of The relegation of a glorious boredom."

cup victory to the status of ew players, and fewer financial bonus is an aspect of being a professional. The cup managers, would dare to say such a thing is all very well as a weekend today. And, brain-washed by their professionaloff, but next Saturday's league match is serious. And we are supposed to admire the profesism, we spectators take on the sionalism that is thereby resame values. Good professional performance, people say knowledgably, as they leave a vealed: the sense of purpose, the single-mindeness, above all the understanding that jaw-crackingly tedious victory. results are what matter. And why not?, because they do. The

But in our hearts we seek more than seamless, viceless competence. When we watch a match, we the spectators are not at work. We are at play and we are free to seek nonprofessional qualities. Things like beauty and glory and courage. By downgrading the cup competitions, sporting people downgrade the easence of sport. They have forgotten that sport is a game - and that spectators watch it for fun. In the end, we can save profeskind of pre-season friendly. At priority. When a small club quality of professionalism, sionalism for our professions.

TELEVISION CHOICE

## Art from the front lines

BBC1, 6.50pm

Regular viewers may recall an edition of the Antiques Roadshow which featured a series of paintings made in Normandy after D-Day. They were brought along by the artist, who had served in the Allied invasion force, and created enormous interest. Belatedly, as the programme was shown three years ago, they are the cue for a wider examination of war art. Hugh Scully visits the imperial War Museum in London with John imperial war museum in London with John Keane, who was an official war artist in the Gull war. The museum's extensive collection of paintings from 20th-century conflicts provides material for the discussion which culminates in Keane's recollection of his time in the Gulf and a defended of his highest than the Gulf and a defence of his Mickey Mouse At the Front, which caused much affront when it was first made public,

Sharpe's Justice [TV. 8.00pm]

A luli in the Napoleonic wars, with Boney exiled to Elha, allows this episode to break the mould by being set entirely in England. Instead of fighting the French, Sean Bean's Major Sharpe is posted to his native Yorkshire to help mill owners put down ms narve vorkshire to help find owners but downers the contented workers. As Sharpe's humble background leads him to have more sympathy for the oppressed than their oppressors, this soon provokes a conflict of loyalties. The plotting, as always, is satisfyingly rich, and it draws multiply on the social history of the period, in particular exploiting tensions within and between the classes. The excellent Douglas Henshall shines as Sharpe's main adversary, an arrogant and foppish captain of the yeomanry. Next week, for his final adventure, Sharpe helping to win the battle of Waterloo.

Planet Showbit. Channel 4.8.30pm

Among the latest British television formats to be sold to the United States is Cracker, and Mark Laman's breezy showbusiness magazine introduces us to the actor who would be Robbie Coltrane. It cannot be said that the relatively trim Robert Pastorelli bears much physical resemblance to Coltrane's chubby psychologist,

Sean Bean is Sharpe (ITV, 8.00pm)

nor does the American version of the awful Fitz swear or smoke. You immediately suspect that Hollywood has got its sticky lingers on the character and done its sanitising worst, though Pastorelli denies it strenuously. Lamarr also makes the trip to Normal, Illinois, for a chat with the unconventional pop star. Beck, who once appeared on Top of the Pops with pensioners as his backing band. He has moved on and up since then, and has a big-selling albom to prove it.

Race for the Title BBC1, 10.30pm

Survivors: James's Story

Radio 4, 10.02am (FM only)

For football buffs without satellite who feel deprived now that the BBC has lost so much coverage to Sky, here is some compensation. The FA Carling Premiership season finished only on Sunday but the editing suites have been busy splicing together the highlights. Much of the material will be fresh in the mind, particularly the material will be fresh in the mind, particularly the goals which decided the winners and the relegated. But it does seem an age since Kevin Keegan's unpredicted resignation from Newcastle or Manchester United's thrashing by Southampton. The programme does not pretend to be anything more than a compilation of smoothly-assembled clips. Deeper assessments of the 1996-97 season must wait. Meanwhile there is plenty to enjoy, not least the skills of the overseas players who have least the skills of the overseas players who have become an increasing presence on English fields

### RADIO CHOICE

20/20: A View of the Century Radio 4, 7,45pm

Whatever the merits of the argument about the alleged "dumbing down" of the BBC, there is surely no question that the Corporation continues to provide the best in set-piece documentaries. 20/20 is a prime example, one of the most absorbing projects launched in radio for many a long year. The third and last series, is presented by Michael Ignatieff, who also introduced series two. The theme tonight is migration: Ignatieff regards the migrant as the "Everyman of the 20th century". He begins with the migration of seven million people brought about by the ending of the Second World War but the programme also covers intranational migration, such as the south-north movement of blacks in America. Whatever the merits of the argument about the

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WORLD SERVICE

There is a theory that the British get enough reminders that much of the world does not live in a

reminders that much of the world does not tive in a wealthy liberal democracy where hospital waiting lists and school class sizes are among our chief worries. But anyone feeling inuted to deeper misfortune should listen to this programme. James Muhira grew up in a wealthy Ugandan family whose toyll was shattered when secret police raided their home, killing every member of the family except James, then aged 15. He was held in a cramped cell for two years, was beaten and burnt

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1.00pm Netwes Birmingham Lunchtithe Concert. Prya Mitchell, violin, Andrew West, pieno. Debusey (Violin Sonata); Prokofiev (Five Melodies); Chsusson (Poemie)
2.00 Midweek Cholce, with Susan Sterpe. Cell (1171-765 4308 by funchtime to hear your request on air, includes Dovidik compl Burghauser (Cello Concerto in A minor); Zelenka (Memento Dominal); Jenacek (Folk Nocturnes)
4.00 Choral Evensong, Live Irom Southwell Minster in Nottinghamshire. Rector chori, Paul Hale, and assistant organist, Philip Rushforth, Includes John Rusho, Smith (Camides: The Southwell Service)
5.00 The Music Machine. Torumy Pearson visits the Bhavan Centre in West London, to find out about the classical Indian dance styles of Kathak and Bharantanetyum

8.15 in Tume, with Andrew Green, Includes Fauré
(Incoronote: No 2 in F minor, Op 31); Diorisk
(Stent Woods); Boyds (Trio Sonata No 5 in D);
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7.30 BBC Nettonal Orchestra of Wales, under Mark
Wigglesworth, With Catrin Wyn-Davies, soprano,
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Howell, bass, Priliparanoria Chorus, John Pictard
(The Flight of lear.us); Besthoven (Symphony No.
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The Classical Style (3/5)
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(Four Serious Songs, Op 121; Two Songs, Op 91)
10.00 Ensemble, Penny Gore Introduces a recital by the
Lyric Quartet, Haydrin, String Quartet in D mmor,
Op 76 No 2; Kodely (String Quartet No 2)
10.45 Night Wayes, Hamphrey Carpenter examines
ways of writing about other cultures in a
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and Writers' Festival.

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10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Bay (LW)
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serial Closs Relations, by Deborah Maggood and
read by Jan Francis (8/12)
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12.00 News; You and Yours, with Lestey Riddoch.

12.25pm The Oldest Member. Meurice Denfish stars as the dayen of Priot's Heath Golf Club in stories by P.G. Wodehouse. With Joe Durliop, Glyris Broots and Stephen Kemble (2/8) 12.55 Weather.

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3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan.

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follow up listeners' complaints

7.45 2020 A View of the Century. See Choice

8.30 Your Place or Mine? Eight documentaises made
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makers from four countries. The first, from British
Columbia, tells the unusual stary of a rapid who,
moratis later, apologises to his violine.

9.00 Costing the Earth. In the last in the current series
of the environmental magazine programme Mark
Whittaker visits Hong Kong

9.30 Kaleidoscope (f) 9.59 Weather

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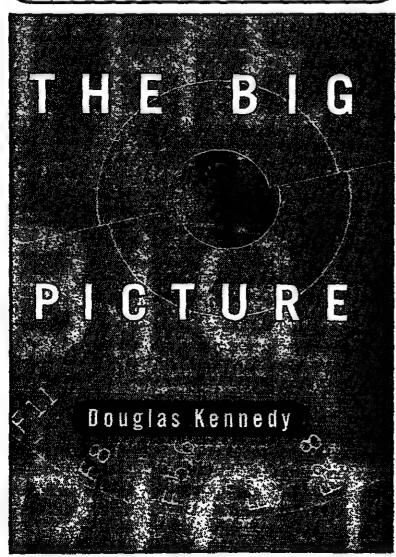
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# Regions to be cheerful, or at least impressed

n the absence of Michael Barratt, I did the honours I myself: Time to go ... Na-tionwide," and hummed the theme tune as best I could remember. It's a curious habit, I know, but one I find myself engaged in more and more often these days as broadcasters rediscover what Bob Wellings Stuart Hall Donny MacLeod et al always knew: that the best stories are in the regions and the very best of them deserve a larger audience. [TV has 3D. BBC] Here and Now and last right it was the turn of BBC2 to come up with two regional offerings of its own. Over to you. Sue.

Actually, the only disappointment about Bloom or Bust? Revamping Laura Ashley (BBC2) was that it wasn't presented by Sue Lawley. Its narration was delivered by Sandi Toksvig, who struck what amended film. what was impressive, however, serious Nationwide tone, but was how line amendment Christisomehow gave the firm impres- na Macaulay's film required. Al-

sion of never having been much of a Laura Ashley girl herself.

It's amazing how evocative that image remains. As Sir Bernard Ashley put it (a touch disloyally, I thought): "Laura had the whole world dressed as milkmaids. I don't know how she did it but I know you couldn't do it today." Finding out what the company can do today. 12 years after the death of its founder, is the lot of Anne Iverson, an American company doctor.

Now hang on, I hear you all saying in Wales, we've seen this a couple of months ago. Indeed you had, but since that screening the story has moved on. A few weeks ago, Laura Ashley admitted it was overstocked and watched its share price go into reverse. Overnight, what was already a good film, became a good, timely and some-

though Iverson's happy-clappy management style (the chief bene-ficiary of which is the male finance director who gets to dance with 300 women at sales meetings) made great television, there was always a healthy note of qualification. Did the conservative shoppers of Shrewsbury, for instance, know something the optimistic market researchers did not? The new collection here is always a bit slow to get off," reported a doubtful sounding manager.

uch of Laura Ashley's senior management is now North American, a fact which prompted me to let out a little cheer when we encountered our first home-bred Jemima. It also provided Macaulay with a rewarding contrast with the company's straight-talking workforce in mid-Wales, a workforce that was quickly under threat when the new management took over --

REVIEW



until somebody costed the alternatives in Eastern Europe and the Far East and discovered that Wales was surprisingly cost-effect-

ive. Over to you, Michael. I mean, over to you Prince Michael, sir. Prince Michael of Kent, I suspect, would never have quite made the grade as a Nationwide presenter. "Could you relax a little, sir?" an anguished floor manager would ask. "Dash it

man, I am relaxed. This is what princes look like when they're

As a rule, I am against members of the royal family making documentaries about previous members of the royal family. It smacks of a sort of royal closed shop: "We may not be very good at broadcasting but we've got the archives and the access." So, I wasn't much looking forward to Victoria and Albert (ITV). But gradually, prob-ably too gradually for many, it turned out better than expected.

Like all royal documentarymakers, Prince Michael had no immediately newsworthy point to justify an hour of television. What he embarked on instead was a gentle rehabilitation of his forebear. Prince Albert, whose contributions to constitutional and social reform, and to the arts and sciences, have been rather neglected. Bits of history lesson - some

his stride: the Kensington system, the Bedchamber Plot, Chartists, the Great Exhibition. Initially, I hoped Prince Michael might make the contrast between Prince Albert's heroic endeavours and those of current royals who find them-selves similarly faced with "no job and no proper role". But protocol dictated otherwise and, anyway, it was more fun doing it for our-

selves. The young Queen Victoria sobbed and cried when her beloved Lord Melbourne, the Prime Minister, came to resign. Somehow. I can't imagine many royal tears were shed over more recent

Finally, over to Julia Booth, who normally works for Radio York but whose film. Deadly Inheritance - already shown in the Yorkshire area - provided a powerful opening contribution to remembered, some not - fairly

series giving regional documenta-ries a wider audience. This was the terrifically positive story, told firsthand, of a woman facing a dreadful choice - whether to have her two healthy breasts surgically removed or to do nothing and face a genetically determined, 85.90 per cent chance of developing breast

Actually, for Julia that was the easy part ("it's never really felt like a choice") the problem was what sort of reconstructive surgery she should have afterwards — if any. We were there as she received all manner of conflicting medical advice: we were there when she found a surgeon whose aim was that she would pass "the tennis club shower test" and we were there when - oh happy day - the operation delivered just about everything the surgeon had promised. Was there anyone for tennis?

There was indeed.

7.02 and 7.20 MHz

#### BBC1 6.00em Business Breakfast (11627) (\*) 7.00 BBC Brankfast Home (1) (18085) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (3097820) 9.20 Style Challenge (6548337)

9.45 Kilroy (7893085) 10.30 Country Walks to Curious Places Stourhead, Willshire (8638153) 10.40 The State Opening of Parliament Valen. White discusses the traditional ceremony with Betty Boothroyd. The procession is followed from Buckingham Palece to the House of Lords, where the

Queen will deliver her speech (4822337) 12.00 News (1) and weather (8264801) 12.05pm Call My Bluff (8919207) 12.35 Going for a Song (9350207) 1.00 News (1) and weather (19172) 1.30 Regional News (86687820) 1.40 The Weather Show (99863207) 1,45 Neighbours (T) (40783849) 2.10 Quincy (r) (6515511)

2.55 Through the Keyhole (6281004) 3.20 Skepper on Style The transformation of a derelict rural house into a traditional country cottage [8325375] 3.30 Playdays (8144375) 3.50 Monster Cale

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7.20 Sportnight: The European Cup
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Paris St Germain Desmond Lynam introduces live coverage from Rotterdam, where Bobby Robson's Bercelona take on the detending champions. Continues

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parks (1) (153808): 8.30 Sportnight: The European Cup Witmers' Cup Finel Live coverage of the second-heil (21733) 9,30 News (7) Regional News and weather

10.00 They Think It's All Over Nick Hancock presides over teams captained by David Gowar and Gairy Lineter, supported by comedians Flory McGrath and Lee Hurst with guests Justin Clary and Matthew

Pirsent (1) (50356)
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11,30 Telefon (1977) Russian agent Charles Bronson sets out on the treat of a defector who plans to trigger an army of hyporotised saboteurs throughout the USA. Also With Las Remick, Donald Pleasence and Tyne Daly. Directed by

Don Siegel (677676) 1.10mm Westler (4681283)

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6.00am Open University: Going with the Flow (8363375) 6.25 Computers in Conversation (8342882) 6.50 Velocity

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6.00 Star Trek: the Next Generation (r) (1)

6.48 Space Precinct Concluding the 2-part atory (T) (985678) 7.30 Black Britain Fianna Scipio looks at

erchaeological looting currently taking place in parts of Africa (T) (135) 6.00 University Challenge Exists College, Oxford, take on The Open University (T) (3240)

8.30 Home Front Anne McKevitt on ways to brighten up a conservatory. Mark and Andrea with help from the experts transform the bathroom at Mill Cottage



Sleey Spacek sters (9.00pm)

9.00 A Place for Annie (1993) with Siss Spacek, Mary-Louise and Joan Plowright. A doctor adopts a baby with HIV and when the baby's mother turns up 12 move in. Directed by John Gray (2356)

(0.30 Newsnight (T) (230153) 11.15 Ruby Ms Wax chats to Marianne Faithfull. Will Self and Lucinda Lambton (565511) 12.00 The Midnight Hour (51000)

12.30am Learning Zone: Open University:
Rocky Shores: Life on the Edge
(21370) 1.00 Tropical Forest: The
Conundrum of Co-Existence (35134)
1.30 Managing for Biodiversity: Forests in
Tripidad (41283) 2.00 Science Zone
(2502) 4.00 Excite Medical (87880) (28592) 4.00 English Heritage (87680) 4.30 Unicel in the Classroom (23399) 5.00 Basic Skills: Making the Curriculum Work (92931) 5.30-5.59 Voluntary

6.00mm GMTV (4657576) 9.25 Supermental Sweep (6556356) 9.55 Regional News (3974191) 10.00 The Time, the Place (98191) 10**.30 This Morning** (62893462)

12.20pm Regional News (8260065) 12.30 News (T) and weather (9346004) 12.55 Shortland Street (9321795) 1.24 HTV Crimestoppers (85966714) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (70402801) 1.50 Afternoon Live (40759882) 2.20 Vanessa (T)

(40947153) 2.50 Alternoon Live 3.20 News (6329191)

2.25 Anglorus Hours (6328462) 3.30 Alphabet Castle (r) (6689849) 3.40 Tots TV (r) (7200358) 3.50 Oscar and Friends (r) (5498530) 3.56 Sooty and Co (r) (8132530) 4.20 Tiny Toon Adventures (T) (7591714) 4,40 Harry's Med (r) (T)

(9414191) 5,10 Bagdad Cafe (r) (7909917) 5.40 News (I) and weather (175207) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (126714) 6.25 HTV Weather (465240) 6.30 The West Tonight (1) (627)

7.00 Emmerdate Bill and Linda visit a clinic to a counselling session (I) (1646) 7.30 Coronation Street Natalie wants answers from Kevin Meanwhile, things don't go exactly to plan in the Rovers raffie (1) (511)



8.00 Sharpe: Sharpe's Justice Back on English soil after his recent escapades in France, Sharpe is assigned to command a militia garrison in the North (T) (2/3) Followed by National

10.00 News at Ten (T) and weather (45424) 10.30 Regional News (T) (654849) 10.40 Western Lights: Laugh Until You Die In the first of three drames from the West, two worlds collide with tragic const quences (517714)

11,15 Repossessed (1990) Spool of the Exorcist starring Linda Blair, Ned Beatty and Leslie Nielsen. Directed by Bob Logan (275801)

12.40mm Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (9665405)

1.10 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol 1.35 Deadly Game (1982) starring Mel Ferrer Berbara Sullowe and Helmut Berger Drame about a romantic entanglement

between old flames that results in a

murderous plan. Directed by Karoly Make (539931) 3.10 Jones and Jury (r) (49323060)

3,35 Not Fade Away (r) (3101844) 4.35 The Time, the Place (r) (72960000) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (96757) 5.30 News (72592)

### CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9321795) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7909917) 8.25-7,00 Central News (260511) 10.40-11.40 Central Sports Special (705882)

11,40 Hunter (671646) 12.40am Dating the Enemy (4218196) 1,40 Bonkers (5174080) 2.45 The Chart Show (3613221)

3.30 Comedy Central (24912) WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.55pm Home and Away (8160240) 1.20-1.50 Emmerciale (22248356) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7909917) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (89356) 10.30 Westcountry News (638801) 19.45 Richard Digance: For One Night Only

11.45 Swift Justice (921153)

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11.30 Caroline in the City (92917) 12.00 Alf, Bill and Fred (1415486) 12.05am Under the Moon (41310080) 4.00 Ysgolion (9174196)

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9.30 Schools: Geography Junction 9.45 Book Box 10.00 Stage Two Science 10.15 TV: Friend or Foe? 10.45 GNVO — is it For 11.30 Rat-A-Tat-Tat 11.45 Backtracks

(654511) 12.00 House to House (42337) 12.30pm Light Lunch. Cookery. chat (76795) 1.30 Waterways (T) (59838)

2.00 Racing from York Brough Scott introduces a tour-race card. Includes 3.10 Grosvenor Casinos Dante Stakes and 3.40 Grosvenor Casinos Hamilton

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6.00 Party of Five Bailey disrupts Owen's birthday party when he arrives drunk and tries to fill the role of the hared clown (T)

6.50 Fresh Pop A musical guest introduces a video (998288) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) and westher (764172)

7.50 Rhyme and Reason (T) (384356) 8.00 Brookside As Max plays happy familie Susannah leels more and more isolated David becomes concerned by Leanne's



8.30 Planet Showbiz (3/8) Mark Lamarr meets the enigmetro pop star Beck, finds out about Enc Stoltz's new likm. Anaconde, and talks to Robert Pastorelli about the American

Cracker (T) (7443) 9.00 Melisee (3/5) Guy quits as a journalist and starts drinking heavily Meanwhile, Melissa secretly ases a gynaecologist but more worringly receives threats about her past. With Tim Dutton and Jenniter Ehle

10.05 ER: Calling Dr Hathaway Hathaway gets her medical school admission test results and Dr Carter Ignores a serious mistake made by another intern (T) (669356)

11.05 Friends: The One Where Eddle Won't Go Chandler has problems trying to get rid of his welrd flatmate (r) (T) (656743)

11.35 Posesame Dan decides to act promptly when he hears another man express alfection for Proseanne (T) (658581) 12.05am Under the Moon Late night sports show hosted by Danny Kelly featuring

NBA XXL at 2.30 (41310080) 4.00 Schools: The English Programme

4.50 Sheriff Street Kids How pigeon-racing unites children from a tough Dublin street (r) (1) (72963196) 5.20 Backdate (r) (1)

### CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz, sound:

6.00 am 5 News Early (8760207) 7.30 Havakacoo (5515627) 8.00 Adventures of the Bush Patrol (8465849) 8.30 Wideworld (8457820)

9.00 Espresso (2495172) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (7072085) 10.30 Fame and Fortune (r)

(8444356) 11.00 Leeza (9111356) 11.50 Double Escresso (34412646) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (8435608) 12.30 Family

Affairs (r) (T) (4547627) 1.00 5 News Update (49863646) 1.05 Sunsat Beach (1) (3524269)



Presenter Esther McVey (2.00pm)

2.00 5's Company Live entertainment (7046298)

3.30 A Time To Triumph (1986) with Patty Duke, Joseph Bologna and Julie Bovasso. Polgnant drame about a family's financial problems aft husband sulfers a heart attack. Directed

by Noel Black (3386240) 6.20 5's Company: Late Extra (35301269) 6.30 100 Per Cent (9217849)

6.00 Whittle (T) (9207462) 6,30 Femily Affairs Melanie embarrasses Holly (T) (9298714) 7.00 Exclusive News from the world of

entertainment (2548895) 7.30 Animai Omens: Decievers Docu-

mentary about moths and their defence of their fragile lives against a host of enemies (T) (9294998) 8,00 The Great Garden Game Paul Hawkins presents another battle from the opulant grounds of Newby Hall in Ripon,

shire where the contestants are challenged to tidy up the edge of the lawn at the Iront of the house (T) (4211153) 8,30 5 News (1261838) 9.00 Her Hidden Truth (1995) with Kellie

Martin, Antonio Sabato Jr and Reed Diamond. A woman goes in search of her parents' lallers, a crime for which she was ialsely incarcerated. Directed by Dan Lemer (99727199)

10.40 Exclusive Extra (5862563) 11.00 The Jack Docherty Show (5860424) 11.40 Tibs and Fibs Medical quiz presented by Tony Slattery (5271733)

12.10 Live and Dangerous Includes, at 1.00, baseball from the American Major League (63638561) 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (4102825) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (2450009)

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6.00mm Morning Grory (\$42745) 8.00 Register Morter (\$0056) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (\$5381) 12.00 The Open Wintery Show (\$2581) 1.00pm Gerafic (\$2608 2.00 Salvy Jessy Rapher! (\$2698) 8.00 Jerriy Jones (\$45452) 4.00 The Open Wintery Show (\$2562) 4.00 The Open Wintery Show \$1269 4.00 The Open Wintery Show \$1269 4.00 Salvy Text The First Germanion (\$4545) 8.00 Real IV (\$025) 6.20 Marred — with Children (\$7331 7.00 The Simpsone (\$4545) 8.00 Marred — with Children (\$7331 7.00 The Simpsone (\$4545) 8.00 Marred — with Children (\$7331 7.00 The Simpsone (\$4568) 10.00 Six Salvings (\$7172) 11.00 Six Text. The Naid Generation (\$4795) 12.00 America's Dumbast Cominals (\$4979) 12.20mm LAP.D. (\$202) 1.00 Hz Nat Long Play (\$168221)

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7.00am Sports Centre (10646) 7.30 Whee-ting: Live Wire (26240) 8.30 Recing News (28946) 9.00 Sports Centre (3217) 8.30 Aurobics Oz Style. (43191) 10.00 NBA-Basketbell (30627) 12.00.Aerobics Oz Style Baskstell (30827) 12.00 Aerobacs Oz Syle (94337) 12.30 pen Tartan Edna (75938) 2.00 Under-18 Football: England v Portugal (54172) 3,00 World Pool Masters (67609) 4,00 The Footballer: Football Show (79443) 4,39 Sports Centre (61889) 5,00 Wessing: Shottgun Centre (61899) 6,00 Full Threate (3849) 7,00 The Perfon End (45135) 7,59 Sports Centre (55037) 8,00 World of Super Langua em Edon and Savo (25949) 10,00 Sports Centre (5508) 10,00 Gorf Edon (25620) 12,30 am Sports Centre (5008) 10,00 Gorf Edon (25620) 12,30 am Sports Centre (52375)

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GRANADA PLUS 6.00am The Box (4466578) 7.00 Classic Coronation Street (5395511) 7.30 Families (6314646) 8.00 Surprise, Surprise (1427620) 3.00 The Professionals 7443849: 10.00 Pichard and Judy Exclu-(9729375) 11.00 Within. These Wells (6390066) 12.00 Classic Coronation Street (639,0066) 12,00 Classic Coroneton Street (9710627) 12,30pm Familias (4557707) 1,00 Crown Court (6394882) 1,30 The Good Life Guide (540,746) 2,00 A Family et War (362172) 3,00 Upstairs, Downstairs (9598714) 4,00 Surphise, Surphise (9578849) 5,00 .The .Professionals (980659) 6,00 Familias (2363207) 6,30 Classic Coronation Street (2354527) 7,00 Surphise, Surphise (6825207) 8,00 Upstairs, Downstam (6601827) 9,00 Classic Coronation Street (660733) 9,30 The Cornections



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Personality clash ends 24-year link

# Player power puts Best out at Harlequins

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

RICHARD BESTS 24-year association with Harlequins, one of English rugby union's most glamorous clubs, came to a bitter conclusion vesterday. Best, the former England coach who has been director of rugby at the Stoop Memorial Ground for the past two years, was dismissed as a result of pressure from leading players at the club.

Few casualties in the sport's first full season of professionalism will reverberate louder than this, not merely because Best and Harlequins have been synonymous for so long but because there are indications that the players have thrown down a gauntlet to the club's administrators, which they should simply not have

been in a position to do.
"Dick Best's position as director of rugby has been terminated by the club as a result of differences over its playing policies," a Harlequins statement said obliquely. The club acknowledges Dick's great contribution to its

will remain as a consultant to the club on playing matters." The main accusation levelled at Best was that his management style was a bar to progress and to a contented, effective squad. Yet, this season, Best's approach is said to have mellowed and Harlequins came third in the Cour-

age Clubs' Championship, reached the semi-finals of the Pilkington Cun and qualified for the Heineken Cup. Few coaches in Britain offer



the qualifications which Best. who joined them as a player from Hendon in 1973, has been able to employ on Harlequins' behalf: as an amateur he helped them to two Pilkington Cups before stepping onto the England ladder, coaching the national under-21 side and then the senior side

in 1992. He was assistant coach to the 1993 British Lions in New Zealand but, in 1994, was controversially dismissed by England after Jack Rowell came the team manager. His approach has many of

the characteristics of a regimental sergeant-major and it is possible that the constant exposure that professionalism has brought to his sharper observations contributed to the tensions that led to yesterday's decision. "We believe a breath of fresh air is needed at this point," one player said. But the main point at issue

is that the Harlequins directors knew precisely what they were getting for their money, and had such faith in Best that they offered him what was, in sporting terms, a long-term contract. If now they have been faced with an ultimatum from a group of players saying, in effect, that either they go or Best goes, then their own management ability must be called into question.

Such has been the speed of events that Best had to clear out his desk only a few days after returning from a recruitment visit to France. His influence had already attracted three internationals from that country — Laurent Cabannes, Laurent Benezech and Thierry Lacroix - to the Stoop and he had also helped to set in train development schedules for young home-

bred players. Will Carling, the former England captain, who exerts considerable influence at Harlequins, said last week that there was dissatisfaction among players, though yesterday one of his colleagues said that Carling was no more than one member of a substantial group. But whether Carling. who announced his retirement from international rugby last month, has been a moving spirit in Best's departure or

pay heavily to fill the void. No coach worth his salt can tolerate a situation in which his employment depends upon the opinion of the players and it remains to be seen whether Andy Keast, Best's protege who worked in Natal and returns to South Africa with the Lions on Sunday, will remain as head of the club's coaching panel.
It is likely that Best will take

not, the Harleouins board will

time to reflect on his situation before considering further of-fers of work. Under the terms of his settlement, he declined to comment but ambitious clubs in this country, as well as further afield, will be interested in his availability.

Bath (John Hall and Brian Ashton), London Irish (Clive Woodward), Orrell (Peter Williams), Sale (Brian Wilkinson) and West Hartlepool (Mark Ring) have all parted company, under differing circumstances, with directors of rugby or coaches this season while Saracens have changed Mark Evans's job description to accommodate Francois Pienaar as player-coach.

tournament in Rome yesterday, moving through to the second round when Roberto Carretero, of first blood when he broke Henman's service in the seventh game of the opening set, but Collymore comes home for a new start start". His troubles at Anfield

Tim Henman, the Great Britain No I, found the

going hard during his first match since an elbow

operation in March at the Italian Open tennis

have been well documented. but the 26-year-old preferred not to dwell on them. "There is no point going back over my time at Liverpool, what maiters is that I am here at Villa and this is an exciting time to come to the club," he said. "I don't regard myself as a failure at Antield. My partner-

ship with Robbie Fowler over the two years was very productive and, even though I was in and out of the team. I scored my share of goals. I left because I couldn't get a regular place, and because Villa is the team I have always supported. When I was a boy they won the European Cup, and it

Some people question the wisdom of Brian Little, the Villa manager, in spending a club record fee on a player best described as "difficult". Little believes, however, that he can

Spain, retired with a thigh muscle injury with

the score standing at 4-6, 7-5, 2-0 in Hemman's

favour. Carretero, a clay-court specialist, drew

get the best out of Collymore. With forwards I often look at them and see a bit of myself in them," he said. "I look back on when I was younger and wish someone had sat down and talked with me and helped me a bit more. I look at experiences from my own life and hope it will help me bring the best out of players like this

Internazionale yesterday made what appears to be a

another two seasons. The midfield player was offered a new contract worth more than El million a year. tain to turn it down because

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before taking the second set. Henman will now

meet one of two Italian qualifiers. Davide Scala

or Daniele Musa, in the second round - a match

his wife is set on a return to England this summer. Liverpool remain favourites to secure ince's signature. Ken Bates, the Chelsea

chairman, last night hinted that Gianluca Vialli, the Italian striker, would stay at the club. "I would not like to amicipate what the manager decides for next season." Bates said. "but as far as we are concerned, he has got a three--year contract."



Collymore: gleeful smile

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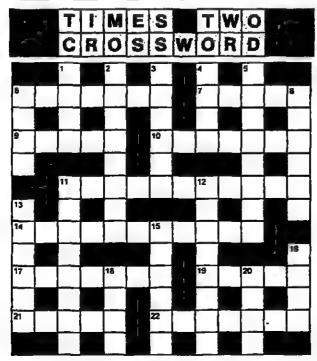
### **Injury forces Clohessy** to miss Lions tour

PETER CLOHESSY became the first casualty of the British Isles and Ireland tour to South Africa yesterday, 24 hours after the party assembled at Weybridge to prepare for departure on Saturday evening (David Hands writes). The freland tighthead prop has a back injury and his place will be taken by Paul Wallace, of Saracens,

Clohessy, 31, was a surprise selection insofar as he has been playing his rugby in Queensland, having served a suspension last year for foul play imposed by the Irish Rugby Football Union, who A month ago he hurt his back in the Super 12 tournament but received medical clearance in Australia to tour with the Lions.

However, when the players trained at London Irish yesterday Clohessy's discomfort became evident.

England, who leave for Argentina on Sunday, also suffered further disruption to their tour party when Garath pulled out with a neck injury. becoming the third lock after Martin Bayfield and John Fowler — to withdraw.



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## Palace play on memories

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By Russell Kempson lost soul afterwards, I'll never

ANDY ROBERTS, the Crystal Palace defender, winces when recalling the 2-1 defeat against Leicester City in the first division play-off final last sea-son, when Steve Claridge scored in the final minute of extra time to inflict widespread misery on London SE25. Leicester went on to win the Coca-Cola Cup, and earn respectability in the FA Carling Premiership, while Palace

THE sullen features that be-

came almost a fixture at

Anfield were gone. Instead,

Stan Collymore wore a fixed.

almost gleeful smile as he

The centre forward complet-

ed a £7 million move from Liverpool yesterday, when he

agreed a four-year contract

with the Midlands club he

supported as a boy from the Hofte End. His contract, in-

cluding a signing-on fee, will

be worth more than 13

million if Villa generate suffi-

The smile was a reflection of

Collymore's excitement at

cient win bonuses.

signed on at Aston Villa

were consigned to another term in the Football League. A year on, Palace are only a step away from returning to Wembley. They play Wolver-hampton Wanderers this evening, in the second leg of their semi-final play-off, and hold a 3-1 lead from Selhurst Park on Saturday. Even amid Moli-neux's intense, intimidating atmosphere, they will start as

"Losing last year was terrible, especially the way it happened," Roberts, who scored the opening goal of that game, said. I felt like a forget it. Hopefully, we will have learnt from that experience, even though we're still a very young side, and it should stand us in good stead." Wolves will pin most of their

hopes, as usual, on Steve Bull, prolific striker, who is only five goals short of his-300th in club football. "We kept him fairly quiet," Roberts

Barcelona's test Midweek View.

said. "We'll probably have to do the same again if were going to get through."

Ipswich Town have home

advantage against Sheffield United in the other semi-final and, after a 1-1 draw at Bramail Lane at the weekend, will be confident of progress-

tended to sell the

club his family

moved to Los

Angeles from

Brooklyn after

the 1957 season.

The sale of the

National League

George Burley, the Ipswich Town manager, played at Wembley in 1978 as a member of the club's FA Cup-winning side against Arsenal. In the second division play-

offs, Brentford defend a 2-1 lead against Bristol City at Griffin Park, while Luton Town have a similar deficit to make up when they play Crewe Alexandra at Kenilworth Road, In the third division, police forces along the M4 corridor will breathe a sigh of relief if either Swansea. City or Cardiff City, or both, bow out in the semi-finals.

Cardiff are 1-0 down, with an away leg at Northampton Town to come, while Swansea are level with Chester City, at 0-0, before their return meeting at the Vetch Field. Yet such is the antipathy of the rival Welsh supporters towards each other, with away fans having been banned from recent league fixtures between the clubs, that a possible meeting at Wembley has raised fears of public disorder at the stadium and on the routes leading to London.

The ultimate Realism

## Fox makes running for record deal

THE Los Angeles Dodgers baseball team is expected to change hands for a record fee after confirmation yesterday a Fox spokesby Peter O'Mailey, its owner. that he is involved in negotiations with the Fox Group.

"We're in the fifth month of what we expected to be a sixmonth process," O'Mailey, whose family has controlled the Dodgers since 1950, said in a statement. The club will reportedly cost Fox, a subsidiary of The News Corporation, the parent company of The Times, between \$350 and \$400 million (£215-£250 million). Such figures far exceed the \$172 million Peter Angelos

paid for the Baltimore Orioles

in 1993. "We're in negotiations," Vince Władika man, confirmed. saying the network would not comment further

dub to Fox. at this stage. . The Dodgers which is the pricome with the 300-acre site mary broadcaster of baseball in the United States, must near downtown Los Angeles be approved by the owners of the other Major League where Dodger Stadium is located, a 468-acre spring training facility in Vero O'Malley told the Los Ange-Beach, Florida, and some property in the Dominican

les Times that if he had been able to build an American The Dodgers have been for football stadium near Dodger sale since January, when Stadium he might not have O'Malley announced he input the Dodgers up for sale.

"I can't deny that was a factor," he was quoted as saying. "I must tell you I was extremely disappointed when we were asked to shelve our ideas." Last summer the city council voted to build a new stadium at the Los Angeles Coliseum rather than on land owned by the Dodgers.

Fox would join a number of media companies that own teams. Time Warner controls the Atlanta Braves, the Tribune Company has the Chica-go Cubs and Walt Disney has the Mighty Ducks ice hockey franchise and the Anaheim Angels basketball team.

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MILL THRILLS 3 IN NEW HOMES 4 BUYING ABROAD

# Velcome to the sensitive home

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> the corner. Stephen

**Hoare** reports

alling home mexpectedly? Your house senses your arrival and turns on the heating. Hungry? Luckily, the fridge has ordered some extra yoghuri. Perhaps you have a companion? Your control panel understands: with one touch, the lights dim and the

sitting room plays soft music. In the garden the soil is too dry for your roses, so the sprinkler turns itself on, using filtered water stored from yesterday's bath. This house, after all, is sensitive both to you and to the environment. Its linked computers make it

highly energy efficient. Pie in the sky? Not any more: technology has im-proved to the point where the sensitive home will soon be bricks and mortar. Its principles will become increasingly important as Britain's large housing deficit is tackled.

At the moment our homes are full of electronic appliances that are not communicating with each other. Domestic heating systems, burgiar alarms, televisions, hifis, video recorders and telephones all have microchips. Link these systems and machines into a network, make the chips compatible and your home will both cosset you and lower the size of your bills.

That's the theory...
Yesterday the theory came a

Link these systems and your home will cosset you and lower your bills'

launch of the Integer Project a study sponsored by Berkeley Homes and Northern Rock Building Society. Integer, short for intelligent and green, aims to provide a blueprint for tomorrow's home. Next year Berkeley Homes plans to build at least 200 affordable

houses based on the findings. Twelve housing associations and local authorities have committed support and are looking to commission "Integer" homes. Other research partners include the Government's Building Research Establishment, the engineering design consultant Oscar Faber and the European Intelligent Buildings Group.

Integer is the brainchild of an architect, Nicholas Thompson of Cole, Thompson Associates, based in Barnes, southwest London. Technology is emerging from different ends of the spectrum and will eventually converge," he says.
"We are bringing together research and development from appliance manufactur-ers, utilities, telecoms, television and cable companies."

In the past there have been too many examples of innovative housing designs that have been shunned by the mortgage companies as too risky or too avant garde," says Alan Kell, of the European Intelligent Buildings Group. "We wanted to ensure that lenders understood what we were doing."

or the sensitive house in the diagram, our artist has collected state-of-the-art intellistems from around the world. He has plumped for a heat-retaining timber-frame building, suitable for massmarket construction and improved by a new quality code.

True, he has allowed himself a few luxuries not strictly essential to a green lifestyle: remote speakers, for example. But the drawing contains many features that the Integer researchers will be examining: remote metering: a wall panel that monitors fuel consump-

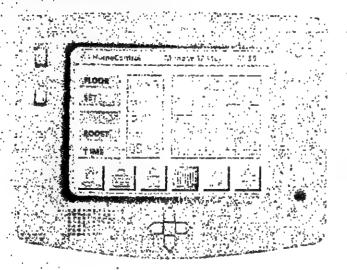
tion; "grey" water recycling; a

THE HEART OF THE HOUSE

Central control panel enables home owner to set up all heating, lighting, security circuits and household appliances using a simple menu.

A built-in modern links the house and gas, water and electricity suppliers, enabling them to meter consumption and send bills automatically. In return they can offer on-line services, like security monitoring and fault diagnosis.

The control panel will receive real-time information on changing energy tariffs and is programmed to switch on appliances when



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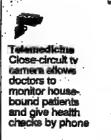
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> Telephone system Cordless internal phone system allows people to phone out from anywhere in the



Detects intruders. When the house is

unoccupied, it randomly switches lights on and off

Door entry pin number instead of key. Repair workers can be allowed in by setting a once-only entry code

HEATING

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and adjust the heating

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Deborah Broadhurst, technical director of the Basingstoke and Upper Test Housing Association, one of Integer's partners, says: "We want to keep running costs as low as possible for our tenants and we are prepared to pay £1,000 to £2,000 more for something specific like solar panels, where we can see there is a payback. The idea is to come up with something not too

sophisticated that can be built by any competent developer." The sensitive, or intelligent, home is likely to come with cabling and trunking built in and ready wired. Its control systems must be user-triendly - a computer in the home is not everyone's idea of heaven. "Technology succeeds when it disappears," Mr Kell says. "An intelligent home works for you, rather than making you

feel it has taken you over." The heart of the home will be a control panel - really a central computer to which all systems and appliances are linked. This could be based on the telephone, television, a multimedia personal computer, the central heating panel or

even an energy meter. The control panel's touchscreen controls will allow anything electronic in the house to

billion under management. 7'2p to 75p.

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home shopping, home banking and video on demand. Other housebuilders are close on the heels of Integer. Martin Stamp, the design director for Wimpey Homes, says: "We are working with home automation companies and we are looking to carry out field trials within the next 12 to 18 months."

Future Wimpey homes could include telephone-based

banking systems, security systems and remote metering all selling points. But Wimpey will be looking to simplify existing controls rather than add complication.

Some experts point to the deregulation of energy supply as the driving force behind intelligent homes. "The gas, electricity and water supply companies will find they cannot compete on price alone," says Barry Haaser, marketing director for Echelon, an American software manufacturer.

"They will need to offer consumers value-added services such as energy monitoring or services for the disabled."

erhaps the gas, water and electricity companies would pay for your control panel if you agreed to be metered remotely. Your bank would pay your bills automatically but you could tell at a touch how much power or water you were using, and how much you owed.

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### HOMES OF THE FUTURE

TECHNOLOGY costs will fall as the concept of intelligent homes is taken up by volume housebuilders. So far, developments in home automation have filtered down from technology used in control systems for commercial office blocks, or have come from the luxury end of the market, where sophisticated home entertainment and security systems are now the norm.

Berkeley Homes has built a handful of intelligent homes at the top end of the market where a £1.5 million-plus price tag will get you an array of electronic extras such as a home entertainment and security system controlled by key pads in each room. Electronics manufacturers like Philips, Thom-EMI and Electrolux are developing intelligent products for home automation. In America. Honeywell produces TotalHome — a centralised microprocessor

control system which will effectively operate your home by remote control. John Hamblin, Honeywell's business development manager, says "You just dial up your home from a mobile phone and have the oven switch your dinner on."

Honeywell claims to have developed the first intelligent domestic heating controller. the AQ6000, which uses a microprocessor to adapt the temperature setting on the boiler. Sensors on radiators fine-tune the heat. At Dr Sue Roaf's experimental Oxford

Eco House, a computer monitors energy consumption and balances the use of solar energy and central heating from a gas condensing boiler. Solar panels heat the water and photovoltaic cells generate elec-tricity. The house has triple glazing and a high thermal mass - retaining heat in winter and remaining cool in summer.

already on the case. Anglian Water is looking at the possibilities of grey water recycling. The electricity supplier Scottish Hydro is testing remote metering in Perth - using Echelon software. The company also says it is experimenting with value-added services, but will not reveal

what they are.

All the signs are, then, that the sensitive home is genuinely around the corner. We really are going to have elec-tronic wall-mounted notepads flashing up phone or internet messages that have arrived while we've been out. We really are going to buy security systems with passive infra-red sensors that automatically switch on the boiler if there are people at home outside preprogrammed hours.
"The housing market has

got some of its old confidence back," Mr Kell says, "and this is encouraging builders, developers and housing associations to be more progressive in their thinking.

By investing a little more up front they can provide buyers with better performance over time. And we want homebuyers to want intelligent houses - to be confident that they're a good investment. No one wants to live in an experimental home."

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Hamlet FRANCESCA ANNIS and Raiph Fiennes, fresh from his triumph in The English Patient, have reportedly moved into a rented home together in Fulham, west London. The couple, who met in Hamlet, have also kept separate homes and according to her father Miss Annis has a new house in Kensington which she is renovating.

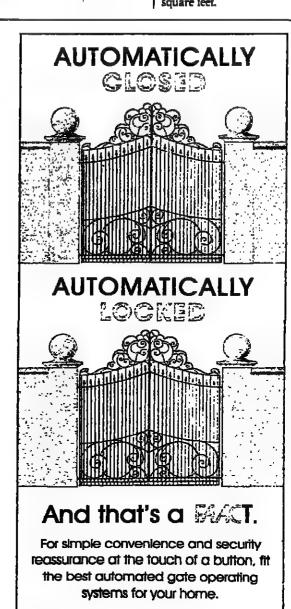
EILEAN RIGH. Ardfern, Argyll, an island of about 237 acres lying just off the west coast of Scotland, is being offered for sale by Earl Waldegrave, brother of the deposed Conservative Treasury minister, William. It is on the market for offers over £500,000 through the Edinburgh office of Knight Frank. "Kings Island", as it is sometimes known, lies in Loch Craignish, a sheltered sea loch, and has its own floating jetty, making landing possible at all times.

### Style move

■ CHESTERTONS Residential is selling a flat in Montagu Square, WI, owned by Peter York, the style-guru who invented the Sloane Ranger. The flat over 2,000 square feet, has two French marble fireplaces and overlooks the square. The leasehold is available through the Hyde Park office for

■ GURTHALOUGHA **HOUSE** in County Tipperary, a country house hotel, is on the market for £550,000. The owners are founder members of the "Hidden Ireland" organisation - a collection of country houses around Ireland that welcome paying guests. A number of Hollywood film stars have stayed at Gurthalougha, including Martin Sheen, Bill Murray and Cheryl Ladd.

■ THE HOUSE where television's first cooking couple. Fanny and Johnny Craddock, lived is for sale at £925,000. The Dower House near Wat-ford has a 30-foot-long reception hall and the study where Fanny wrote her books is 250 square feet.



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Buyers seeking peace of mind should watch for high maintenance prices

in this increasingly popular housing sector, reports Sara McConnell

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finally getting a bit much. The maintenance bills on the four-bedroom detached house alarming. The garden is going to seed. The cleaning is exhausting. And the seclusion, behind high hedges and up a long drive, now makes you feel uneasy instead of being the The thought of exchanging

this for a new, more manage-able home, where the chores are taken care of by others and help can be summoned by tempting. Hundreds of developments of retirement homes are appearing all over the country, claiming to offer unobtrusive support to older homeowners who want to live in a safe environment without being forced to join sing-songs in the communal lounge.

Competition to buy retirement homes is fierce. Increasing numbers of households are now headed by pensioners who are living longer and remaining healthy longer. The Department of the Environment says nearly a third of households will be headed by

by 2016. Nearly a million more households will be headed by single pensioners. And these people want to buy, not rent. The majority of older people own their own homes and wish to continue to do so, according to Age Concern. But developers complain

that supply is being choked by high land prices reluctance of local councils to grant planning permis-sion. John McCarthy, chairman of Stone, which has 70 per cent of the retirement home market, says: "Two and a half years ago, it took 24 weeks to get plan-

ning permission. Now it takes more than a year. This means there is a shortage of retirement housing, particularly in the South East. We could sell more."

Many developments now have long waiting lists and buyers are so keen they are signing themselves up before their future home is even built. Gary Hughes, marketing diwhich specialises in upmarket cottages and detached house developments, reports that ten of the 30 homes being built near Christ's Hospital in West. Sussex have already been sold and another ten reserved, although building will not be

finished until December. Continuing heavy demand is, of course, good come to sell. It is a condition of retirement developments that you can only sell to someone over 55, which can cause prob-But specialist re-

tirement home advisers warn potential buyers not to get carried away need for speed by signing before they have checked carefully what they

are taking on. . Before you buy, visit the development and meet the warden and other residents, advises Howard Packman of Sheltered Housing Services, a specialist estate agent. If you are 60 and everyone else is 90,

likes an evening knees-up. you could feel out of place.

Almost all retirement homes are leasehold rather than freehold. As with any other leasehold property this means you will have a landlord, normally the developer. They will have a managing agent who will be responsible for providing the services promised in your lease, which could include warden care, garden and exterior house maintenance and care of internal hallways and other communal areas.

They will also be responsible for making sure you keep to the rules in the lease. Many people who have always lived in freehold houses find it difficult to accustom themselves to being told they cannot keep pets or hang their washing in the garden or park their car where they like. But these are all common prohibitions in leases.

Rudi Reeves of Aims, the advisory service for retirement homeowners, says: "It is vital to understand your lease. What does it say about pets? Or parking? These may seem small problems to your solicitor but they aren't to you."



English Courtyard is planning a second phase at Mytchett Heath, Surrey after the first sold out within months

service charge to cover management, maintenance and repairs. This varies depending on the size and location of your property. McCarthy and Stone, for example, charges nearly £900 a year minimum for a one-bedroom flat and up to £1,500 a year for a twobedroom flat. This includes maintenance, warden, sec-urity systems, buildings insurance, heating and lighting. English Courtyard charges £2,500 a year for a two or three-bedroom property. which includes all the above and promises "complete peace of mind". Aims says the average across Britain is around E1.000 a year.

Complaints about high service charges topped the list of

year. Developers admit that charges frequently rise above of inflation. You will almost which can challenge them if necessary. If you think you are certainly not be protected from this by your lease but you should be able to take some paying for unnecessarily elaborate services, you can get control through the residents' them removed and the service charges reduced as long as a association set up on most majority of the other residents

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## What Labour's Budget will do to your mortgage payments

new government has left homebuyers reeling in surprise. Within days of the Labour victory, Gordon Brown, the new Chancellor of the Exchequer, had raised base rates by a quarter of a point. This announcement was swiftly followed by a rise

in the cost of mortgages.
As banks and building societies increased-their variable an average 7.60 per cent, rumours surfaced that mortgage interest relief (Miras) could be a target in Mr Brown's forthcoming first Budget. It is widely predicted that he will either end or reduce the relief which remains a pyschological incentive to home ownership. despite its much diminished

The abolition of the relief would put an extra £28.50 a month on homebuyers' bills but would raise a useful £2 billion for the Chancellor. At present, the relief is given at the rate of 15 per cent of tax on the first £30,000 of a loan. Anne Ashworth takes a look at what homebuyers

can expect from the new Chancellor of the Exchequer

Labour plans to curb

The news of the mortgage

rate increase, which adds

£13.26 to the monthly bill of a

borrower with the average

£50.000 loan, has further

boosted the popularity of fixed-

rate mortgages. These now

account for around half of new

loans. Five-year fixed-rate

loans are particularly popular.

However, it seems unlikely that Mr Brown would wish to alienate the ten million homebuyers who benefit from the concession. Some believe he might move instead to end relief on new loans, although Maurice Fitzpatrick, of Vellacott, the. hantrev

London firm of accountants, takes issue with this view. He says: "Abolishing relief on new loans would raise very little money initially. It would take ten years before the measure started to make a

significant contribution. It is more likely that Mr Brown will phase out the relief on all loans over a three-year period. then to 5 per cent and then to

Mr Brown's dislike of mortgage relief was shared by his Conservative predecessors

anxious to ensure that their concession but faced resistance from Margaret Thatrepayments stay unchanged cher. Unable to kill off Miras.

until the next election. they had to be content with Shortly after the announcedecreasing its value, allowing ment of the rate increase, many lenders withdrew fixedit to "wither on the vine". The £30,000 limit has remained rate offers, replacing them

Patrick Bunton, of the Bath mortgage brokers London & Country, reports that customers are inter-ested both in fixed gazumping, making it rates and in capped expensive to oust a buyer

"We are keen at the moment on the Bristol & West 7.25 per cent five-year fixed rate," he says. "You are not required to take out house and contents cover. which is now a condition of many other loans. You also pay the £295 arrangement fee, not upfront but at the completion of the loan. This means that you will pay this charge if

ty purchase."

Like other mortgage brokers, London & Country is enthusiastic about capped rate loans, where your rate is guaranteed not to rise above a certain level for a fixed period. Besides being protected from rate rises, borrowers with capped rate loans benefit from rate decreases. The Stroud & Swindon Building Society is offering a three-year. 7.49 per cent capped rate.

Some home owners may be thinking that the mortgage rate rise and the threat to mortgage relief imply that Labour has some antipathy towards home ownership. But this would not be true. Some economists, believe that the decision to pass responsibility for interest rate policy over to the Bank of England could mean more rate stability in the future, which would be good news for borrowers. Labour also plans measures to curb gazumping, making it expensive for a seller to cold shoulder a buyer if a better offer



BRODIES is offering 11 Glentinias Street. Edinburgh, a complete Georgian townhouse with views to Charlotte Square, Katherine Bergen writes. Offers are invited over £200,000. There is also a basement flat, which is expected to exceed £80,000.

Glenfinlas Street is a five-floor house which was until recently a lawyers' office. Planning permission has been granted for the progerty to be reinstated as a private house and it

retains all its period features. It was built during the 1820s as part of the development by the Earl of Moray and designed by the ar-chitect James Gillespie Graham. Keys can be rented for the lovely woodland gardens of the Moray Estate and for the nearby Queen Street Gardens:

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## Would you rent out a room to one of these?

There could be

£8,000 in it for you, says Dixie Nicolls

THIS is the time of year when students start looking for next year's accommo-dation. Renting to students is big business and a lot more sophisticated than it used to be with cards on notice

boards giving way to Web sites.

The University of London Accommodation Office has up to 5.000 households on its database and e-mails its students with updates daily. It offers advice and issues guidelines. Leeds students have a trendy cyber-cafe where they can surf for accommoda-tion. Landlords on the system are asked to sign up to a code of conduct. Leeds students can see particulars of every-thing on offer, 24 hours a day from anywhere in the world.

Landlords are keen to let to students because the returns are high. The average weekly rent paid by a student in shared private sector accommoda-tion is £40.12. It accounts for 52 per cent of student income. The rest of us spend a paltry 16.6 per cent on accommodation.

Rod Horner, an estate agent who runs GA's Kent and Sussex rental department, says: "There are plenty of landlords who purchase properties with the intention of letting to students and will take all the baggage that goes with them in their stride."

Letting a house to students is likely to bring in a lot more money. A fourbedroom terraced house in Leeds, let to a family, is likely to earn £450 a month - which on a 48-week let means £4,950 a year. 10 per cent of which will be taken up in agent's fees. Or it could be let to five students, with the front room an additional bedroom, paying £37 a week each, on a 43-week let. The same house will earn £7.955 a year and the accommodation list fee is only £30.



Your tenant? Viv of The Young Ones

Martin Blakey, who runs Unipol, the charitable organisation that finds accommodation for students in Leeds and is a considerable landlord in its own right, says students are reliable. Out of a student rent roll of £1.7 million last year, Unipol only wrote off £3,000 in

He concedes that students require more management than other tenants. The tenancy turns over every year and you have to explain how appliances and heating work. They are also bad at reporting repairs, especially towards the end of their tenancy. They tend to leave accommodation in need of a

Rental costs for sharers vary around Britain. London is high (£51 a week) but there is an extra £395 in grants and £390 loans to soften the difference. However, costs follow availability and there are points worth considering when choosing where to study.

### WHAT IT COSTS = 30 THE regional average weekly costs per student for sharers in the private rental sector and for lodgings in private £47,75 £54.75 £52.38 £47.75 East Midlande East Anglia London South West

The National Union of Students produces a document which helps student unions to negotiate accommodation costs.

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Figures from NUS survey

It is not comprehensive but it showed that this year St Andrews and Dartington, in the West Country, (£50 a week) were the most expensive after London. The cheapest was Stockton (£25) followed by Crewe (£25:32) and Teeside (£26.50). Shared rented property is by far the most popular choice among those who live out of college. Only 9 per cent opt for lodgings. Many. students take lodgings as second best and are not keen to swap one set of

parents for another. Income from letting a single room varies. Some places appear to be goldmines. Huddersfield Technical College is the Ekdorado of lodgings from the landlords' point of view at £70' a week; Manchester and Nottingham are high at £65; but lodgings dip to £30.50 at Crewe.

The good news is that you can earn up to £4,250 a year tax free by letting outa room in your own house. However, not paying tax on other properties let to students is a risky business. Tax officers carry out spot checks on

### Secure premises in Westminster

Emergency services are selling their property, says Katherine Bergen

Cheshire Fire Brigade head-

quarters is for sale. Wallmoor

House, a Grade II listed

Victorian structure, was once

the home of the architect John

Douglas, who was responsible

for a number of notable build-

ings in Chester. After the relocation of the HQ in

Winsford last month, Edmund Kirby is selling the site

and buildings on behalf of

"We anticipate interest for uses which; subject to con-

sents, might include reversion

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tion as offices," says Charles

Hubbard, one of the partners.

The property is 4,950 sq ff and

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overlooking the River Dee and

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Cheshire County Council.

IF YOU fancy a night in the SHOULD you prefer another cells, a property in Westmin-ster will allow you to indulge

When a new police station was opened in Buckingham Palace Road in 1993, it replaced both the Gerald Road and Rochester Row stations.
Rochester Row is partly vacant and it is understood that the Metropolitan Police intends to sell the site.

It occupies at prominent location in the Vincent Square conservation area and has two main frontages, on to Roches-ter Row and the tree-lined private space of the square.
The site is composed of six

buildings, constructed at dif-ferent times, set around a courtyard. All are of architectural or historical interest. The four-floor police station and the former magistrates court. also on Rochester Row, are Grade II listed buildings. Westminster City Council would require the preservation of the listed buildings.

The council is also seeking to sustain an adequate and accessible range of social and community facilities to meet the needs of residents, workers and visitors in Westminster". The draft planning brief also states, where, due to change ing circumistances, a community facility is surplus to need, new development will be expected to provide some alternative community facility of

benefit to the community". But provision is nonetheless being made for the possibility of residential use. ● Westminster City Council 0[7]-

REGALIAN, the London-based property developer, has restored and convened a listed Victorian hospital at Chipping Norton. Only one of the threebedroom houses remains available in the building itself, through Knight Frank in a joint venture with Chancellors, but there are also five new houses being built in the grounds, starting at £140,000. lbey are traditional three-

bedroom houses designed to blend with the Corswold stone of the original buildings. Knight Frank DIB65 790077 or. Chancellors 01608 644422

## Watch out for the mill squad

nyone buying an unlisted watermill in order to rip out its workings and convert it into a home should beware - they might be rumbled by a "flying squad" of conservation-ists who can virtually get the mill listed on the spot.

The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB) can call on a national network of rapidresponse volunteers, ever ready to dash off to assess whether a threatened mill should be listed as a building of architectural and historical importance. Before work starts, they can secure an emergency listing obliging the owner not to destroy machinery including wheels, cogs and shafts. This can seriously interfere with comfortable living.

The reason for this zeal is a growing realisation of what we have lost in the way of mills. Happily, the wheel has turned so far in the past five years that some mill homes are now being reconverted to mills.

There are an estimated 20,000 watermill sites in England and Wales. About 1,000 mills are working or could be made to work, and 40 of them operate commercially. A growing band of mill buffs are fuelling a niche market for watermills, especially those that could work. Last Sunday was an exciting day for them, and the 300 millowners who opened their old properties to the public to celebrate National Mills Day.

Their locations near rivers or streams often make watermills lovely homes. The large Swallows Mili at Grantham in Lincolnshire has been converted to 17 houses and apartments, costing from: £75,000 to £235,000 (details: Humberts, 01476 576133).

But it pays to think carefully before you buy an unconverted mill. Help is available from experts, who will advise a potential buyer on a mill's chances of being

Ken Major is an architect who specialises in the repair of old mills and a committee member of the society's wind and watermill section. He is often asked for advice, and urges: "Go to the conservation officer in your local district council or, if it has none, the area planning officer. They can also check with the society.

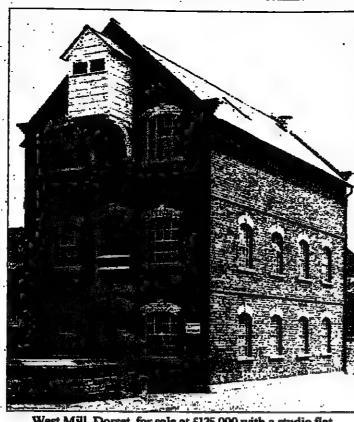
"Mills are increasingly valued; we are reaching a stage where a mill that has all its machinery in place will now be Grade II\* listed, which entitles owners to some

There is a niche market for enthusiasts, but anyone who wants to

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Want to live in a mill? Christine Webb

recommends a cautious approach



West Mill, Dorset, for sale at £125,000 with a studio flat

restore a mill should realise that. even if it has most of its elements, it is likely to cost about £50,000 to get it working. Just putting new floats on a water wheel costs £12,000. The best advice I can give is to go for a mill that is already converted, and be wary of those that are not."

For anyone likely to heed his advice, there are some breathtakingly lovely converted mills on the market. Cagebrook Mill at

Clehonger near Here-ford, overlooks its pond and is set in four acres of its own delightful valley, with a mill race and leat. The house is converted from the original mill

and mill house to provide a 30ft living room, five bedrooms, two bathrooms, study, dining room, and even its own former chapel, which has planning permission for conversion to a dwelling. All this and more is on offer at £365,000 through Savills' Banbury office (01295 263535). Whoever buys Bartley Mill, near Frant in East Sussex, gets the best of both worlds: a working flour mill, a shop and a four-bedroom house, both of which are Grade II listed. It dates from the 13th century, and also has two trout lakes and a coarse fishing pond within its 42 acres. Knight Frank's Tunbridge Wells office (01892 515035) is offering

They can it for £495,000. The society's wind and watermill section virtually lists mills for sale in its newsletter, including West Mill, Bridport, be listed Dorset, a £125,000 town mill with a studio flat on the spot' owned by David Hed-

worth (01308 423150), an architect who is selling because he feels guilty about using the mill as offices when it could be milling

The society frowns on plans for conversions, and is a force to be reckoned with. The vice-chairman Mildred Cookson, the miller at Mapledurham Mill near Reading, Berkshire, says the society does not recommend conversions to dwellonly way to save a derelict mill".

She adds: "We watch out for mills that are not listed or known about. Someone will phone to say they saw a building contractor parked in the mill yard, and did we know about it? One of us will rush there to do a written survey and take photographs. You can virtually get a mill listed on the spot now: it can take just one phone call."

The call would be to English Heritage, whose spokesperson explains: "Spot listing takes place if any building that is not listed is suddenly under threat of serious alteration. Then we and the Department of National Heritage, which is responsible for listing, have the capacity to consider the case and to act very quickly.

"We give expert advice on whether or not the building should be listed, although they make the final

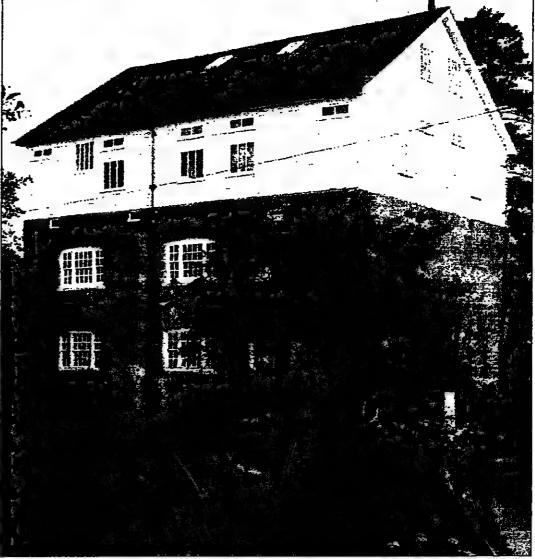
The society is the one body in the country that acts as a formal consultee to English Heritage. Mrs Cookson quips: "You could say I'm part of the flying squad. We have a list of people around the country, so if there is an emergency, they will get on their bike and go to see a mill for us. If we find in a planning application for conversion that they want to rip the machinery out, we might try to stop it - and with all

We get opposition from mill owners. Once a mill is listed we say they must stick by the rules and do no alterations without reference to

Alan Stoyel, of the Royal Commission on Ancient Monuments' emergency recording which is notified of applications to alter or demolish listed buildings, and who is a committee member of the wind and water mills section, says: "A mill's importance may not have been recognised. What has changed is public awareness. And there is an awareness in English Heritage of what has happened. It has brought into focus the number that have been lost to conversion and that those that are left are precious. We want to preserve them.

"One example was Chapel Mill near St Austell in Cornwall, used by the china clay industry. It was the last of its kind but was unlisted and overlooked and suddenly after pressure from me and others it became Grade II\* listed. Emergency listing doesn't happen often. Ideally, no mills would have to be listed that way."

The SPAB's wind and watermill section is at 37 Spital Square, London El



The Essex mill, bought and restored by Roger Tabor and now the subject of a BBC2 series

## All shoulders to the wheel

**Morag Preston** describes the restoration of a 'time capsule'

THE TERM "millitis" has been coined by Charles Llewellyn, chairman of Hurlingham Proper-ties and author of *The Mill's Life*, out tomorrow, to describe the condition of prevarication that plagued him throughout the two years he spent restoring his histor-

family home in Essex. After the death of his father in 1990, at the depth of the property recession, it was left to Mr Llewellyn to sell the mill, the granary and the mill house.

Roger Tabor, a television presenter, bought and restored the mill, now the subject of a five-part BBC2 series to be screened from

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tomorrow, while Mr Llewellyn bought the mill house next door and worked on that, intending to sell it on. Mr Llewellyn's parents paid

£6,000 in 1946 for the 25-acre site. mentioned in the Domesday Book. The house had been hardly touched since 1780, and was overrun with spiders. "It was full of rubbish and run down," Mr Liewellyn says. "I had to rewire the house, install drains and move the bathrooms. But the hardest part was personal. I've developed lots of properties in the way of business, but this was my family home, packed with personal mem-

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ories. I had mixed feelings about selling, but life must go on." Mr Tabor's troubles were mostly ah unexpectedly

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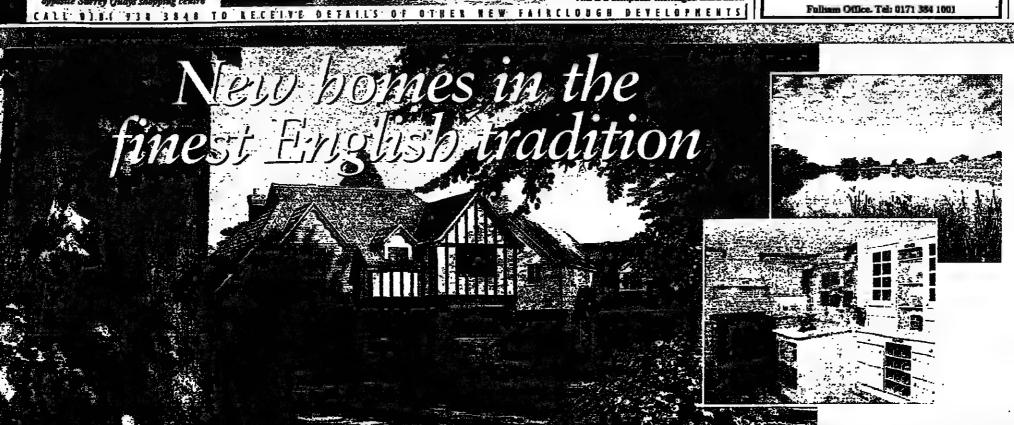
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structural. First, he set about removing the dead starlings. some of the thousands that had made the 7,000 sq ft "time capsule" their home. Four out of five floors have been made habitable: the first floor is a vast reception room centred on a mill stone.

"I got to know the building before I started work," he says. "I learnt what the machinery was originally used for, and I tried to imagine how it would have been had the miller actually lived there." ■ The Mill's Life, Robson Books, £16.95.







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Jealously guarded by strict planning rules, England's ancient university cities and most famous spa can still accommodate the new

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# Gaining places at Oxbridge

xford and Cambridge incorpo-rate every cliché, with their sleepy rivers, narrow streets and ancient courts and quadrangles. Their vistas are protected by rigorous planning policies, but there are new buildings and developments in both historical nature of their settings.

Barry Brown, an architect with the Cambridge practice Bland, Brown and Cole, has just completed the £6.5 million refurbishment of the Arts Theatre. He says the key to working in Cambridge is not to be hasty: "Planning is not insuperable, but you can't do things in a hurry." He has been involved in schemes for housing associations, several colleges, churches and special needs homes.

But his non-classical, rational pragma-tist design for added residential accommodation for Downing College flustered the Fine Arts Commission. "The building is not in the tradition of Quinlan Terry. which is what the college is used to. But we do now have planning permission."

Berkeley Homes launched Eights Marina, a development of 39 apartments and penthouses on the banks of the Cam last October, and 55 per cent of the apartments have now been reserved or sold. Overlooking Midsummer Common, they cluster around a private marina. Prices range from E159,950 to £330,000 for two and three-bedroom flats and penthouses.

Elevations are classically proportioned, incorporating varying roof heights and features such as gables and cupolas. "This provides variety while ensuring the buildings are respectful of the architectural heritage of the place," says a spokesman for the developers, who have a

man for the developers, who have a another similar development on Midsum-mer Common called Evening Court. In Oxford, for the first time in many years, a tower is rising to join the spires. A building on the west side of Folly Bridge. over the Isis, is to be converted and has received planning consent from the City Council. The development will include five riverside flats, a riverside restaurant, pontoons and boat hire and an adjacent art gallery and artists' studios.

Orde Levinson, the man behind the scheme, got two architecture students from Oxford Brookes University to design the project. "I had trouble from the town planners, who objected to the restaurant," he says. "But the Council and English Heritage approved the second set of designs and we start work in June, with

completion by the end of the year."
The building company is Knowles and Son, which built one of the Oxford bridges painted by Turner. The River Thames Society has already asked Mr Levinson to allow it to hold its annual riverside dinner

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Oxford's Folly Bridge development includes flats, a riverside restaurant and an adjacent art gallery. It will also add a tower to the dreaming spires

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Taking a Georgian approach is the

ath's Georgian heri-tage is guarded so jealously that a new city centre, between the Royal cent and Lansdown Cres-

grand entrance flanked by two gate lodges. The finished building, Cavendish Lodge, is within the building are 20 spartments, the project finally approved by John Gummer. the then environment secre-

This was the colonination of a decade of protest by the City Council, Bath Society and the Bath Preservation Trust, inchaing two inquiries, a High

Court hearing and an Appeal Court judgment in favour of the protesters. The developers in turn appealed to Mr Gummer, who overraled the city planners.

The three-acre site, which overlooks a golf course across and beyond magnificent set-

ting. Largely derelict for some years, it was acquired in the mid-1980s by a local develop-er, Peter North, who brought in William Bertram, an architect who has worked for the Prince of Wales on improvements at Highgrove. The scheme is now owned by Beaufort Homes, a wholly owned subsidiary of the

Berkeley Group.
Cavendish Lodge, the only classical building of its size built in Bath for 100 years, has walls of Bath stone and Cotsand mouldings to recreate a Georgian Palladian mansion.

Mr Bertram explains that the design was based upon two very simple ideas: the first to emulate John Wood the Elder, who combined six town houses into one classical houses into one classical building (in Queen's Square, Bath); and to produce a building which "neither interfaced with nor copied the crescents

The apartments have two to 583128).

secret, says Christopher Warman

three bedrooms, two reception rooms and two bathrooms through wrought iron gates. in each apartment and lodge.

says: "Not only is Cavendish Lodge as good as any new development in Bath, but the Both lodges and eight apart-

ments have been sold or are reserved, and the remaining apartments, on a 999-year lease, are priced from £270,000 to £310,000. Joint agents are the Bath offices of Savills (01225 444622) and Cobb Farr

Beaufort Homes has another classi-The setting cal project under Cheltenham, has Cavendish 39 apartments and penthouses, which Lodge in a have proved so successful that different more than 90 per cent were sold or reserved off-plan within five months

class\*

of coming on to the market. Imperial Apartments follows the original 1834 plans for the square, which were never realised. Ralph Guilor. today's architect, has designed the new terrace in the pure Regency style of

It backs on to Montpellier Apartments, another scheme by the developers, which is sold out. The last units at Imperial Apartments cost from £175,000 to £360,000 through Knight Frank Inter-national (01865 790077) and Andrews of Cheltenham (01242 235021).

Beaufort Homes' latest project in Cheltenham is Byron Court, a Regency-style mansion of 12 apartments and one penthouse. The two-bedroom apartments are on three floors, and the house is in private gardens, with a garage for each apartment. Prices are from £105,000 to £185,000 for the penthouse, through Halifax Property Services (01242

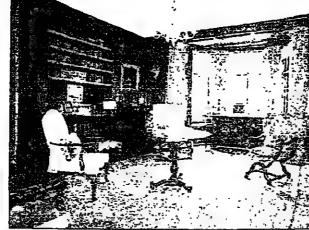


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Clockwise from bottom left to right: The Old House, built in the reign of Charles II and a fine example of a Renaissance house, in Kibworth Harcourt, Leicestershire; the dining room, library, a living room and grand staircase

# A listed house for children and bears

ost people would consider themselves fortunate to live in one listed building during a lifetime. David Boyd, formerly an international banker, and Peter Burfoot, a solicitor, are on to their fourth and now looking for a fifth.

Even on first meeting Mr Boyd,

ra position

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resplendent in maroon waistcoat and elegant slippers, gives the impression of a character with a keen eye for detail. He is the creative side of a partnership which has spanned 40 years and four houses.

They have owned a house in Kew Green, originally lived in by the illustrious Ingleheart family, court ministers to George III: a house dating from 1727 in Lincolnshire, which they restored from a ruin: a George I house with a 13th-century priest house attached and an early Georgian Grade II listed town house in York which they moved from because they could not bear the taxi rank outside.

After five years of occupation they are now selling The Old House, built in the reign of Charles II and a fine example of

the fully developed Renaissance house, in Kibworth Harcourt, Leicestershire, but only so that they can buy another in the county to give the same loving attention they have lavished on this one.

From the coat of arms of the Parker family, for whom the house was built, over the front door to the bread oven in the cellars, they know every inch of the £440,000 house and are even willing to debunk a few myths about it. "There is no secret passage to the church, as we have been told, and Cromwell did not stop here for refreshment once; that was the next door village," Mr Burfoot says emphatically.

Mr Boyd starts the tour of the house in the ground-floor drawing room, where a 19th-century bay has been added to the original structure, which was built in 1678. As an architectural purist, Mr Boyd still finds this addition vaguely annoying. "I do feel the room should stop here," he says, waving his arm up and down where the wall would have once been.

But the room, painted in a National



Katherine Bergen on the

renaissance men who bring

sensitivity and central heating to

listed houses across Britain

Trust colour called Sugar Bag Light, a brilliant greeny-blue, is all the lighter for

the later development. We cross the hall, over original flagstones, into the dining room which is painted an edible shade called Pea Green. It is furnished with 17th-century furniture

The only alteration here was the addition of a grate to what would have been an open fireplace in the late 18th century. The library, next to the drawing room, also has a bay added but the panelling is original.

The spacious beamed kitchen, the last room on the ground floor, would have originally been used as a dining hall for all the members of the household, while the cooking would have taken place in what are now used as cellars.

Upstairs in the principal bedroom a handsome four-poster bed is swathed in rich damask. All the main rooms are impeccably decorated with antique furniture, paintings, porcelain and tapestries purchased at auction by the owners.

It comes as a momentary relief to discover, in the salon on the first floor, the first evidence of more quirky personal taste. Facing the silk-covered chaise longue are three small teddy bears perched on a chair, one of them wearing a

Of the nine potential bedrooms spread

out across the first and second floors, two are used as sitting rooms, one as a dressing room and another as the teddybear housing salon, and all are faultlessly presented and decorated.

Mr Boyd explains that to keep the rooms in such a state requires a constant programme of maintenance. "Every year we have the walls and the roofs checked and all the gutters cleaned. We use a team of craftsmen who know the house."

Two gardeners look after the garden which, although relatively small at just under one acre, has plenty to keep them occupied. A parterre has recently been created, an avenue of hornbeams planted and even the small front garden through the double wrought iron gates has been laid with coloured gravels, box hedging. ball-shaped shrubs and herbs in the 17thcentury manner.

The owners do up their properties enthusiastically rather than commercially, "We hope to extend the life of a house like this," Mr Burfoot says, "If that means introducing central heating or more

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When presented with the charge that historic houses like this may not be childfriendly. Mr Burfoot starts fulminating. "Nonsense," he retorts, "Generations of children have been brought up in this house since 1078."

fter their success with The Old House - even some of the Georgian wallpaper fragments hey found during restoration have ended up in the National Wallpaper Collection in Leeds — both gentlemen feel they have one house left in them. They would like to stay in East Leicestershire/Rutland and take on the challenge of restoring a stone house this time, "We might even take on a thatched house," they muse. You get the feeling that they will soon have the thatch behaving as well as a recently coiffed head of hair. • Stratt & Parker, Market Harborough office, tel: 01858 433123

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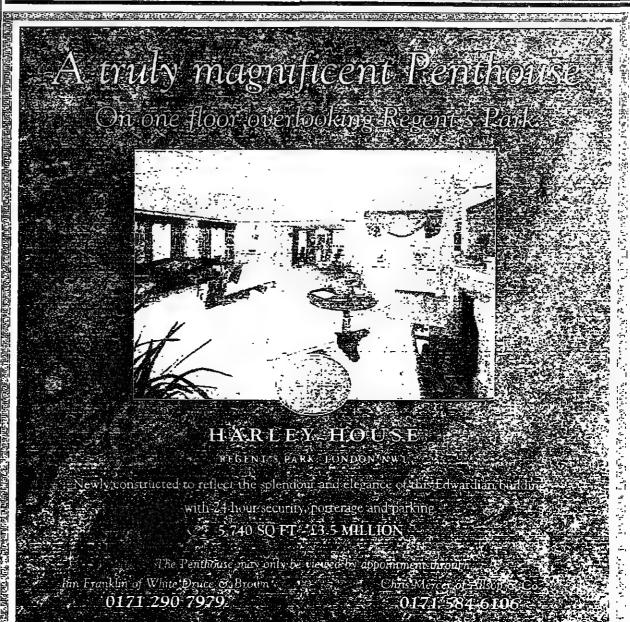
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# Hong Kong stems sky-high prices

most expensive homes the world are to be found on a scrap of land on the far side of the world which is about to be taken over by one of the last great Communist powers, where nature plays havoc with typhoons and where the weather is often stiflingly humid.

Just over six weeks before China takes charge of Hong Kong. property prices have hit a downward spiral, but this is only because of Government moves to curb rampant speculation and a rise in American interest rates - not because of any shadow cast by the impending changeover. Perhaps even more surprising is

the fact that estate agents in the territory expect the market to rebound with prices soaring to new highs for the rest of the year. There are three main reasons for

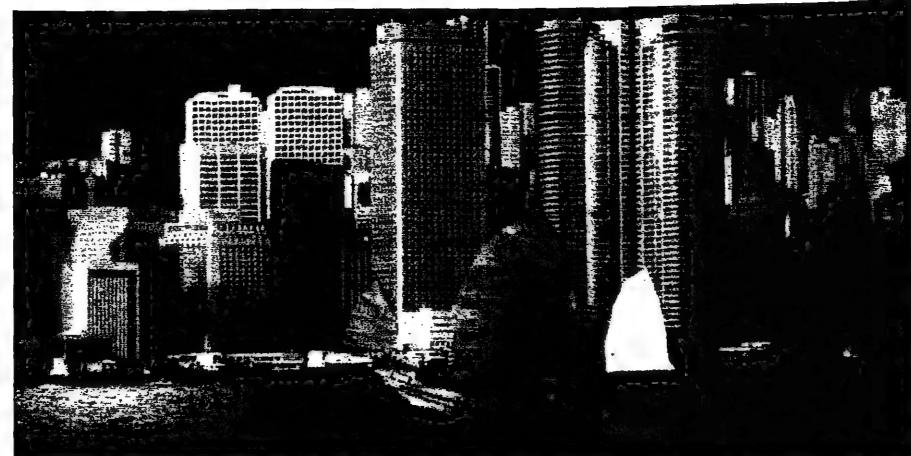
Hong Kong's sky-high residential property prices: A chronic housing shortage cou-

pled with a fast growing popula-Rich residents deciding to stay on

in Hong Kong after arranging boltholes abroad in case the Chinese takeover goes wrong for them. · Speculators from China and South-East Asia snapping up luxury apartments in the belief that

prices, which rose more than 40 per cent last year, will continue to rise. In November, a single-family house on the exclusive Victoria Peak fetched a record HK\$70 million (£5.5 million), while earlier this year 27,000 people queued to buy 1.600 flats in another new

Even flats built in less fashionable areas, such as the border with China, are being snapped up. Six hundred flats — at £375 per square foot - were sold in one day when



Hong Kong: while some poor families have to live on boats, property speculators forced prices of homes to leap 20 to 30 per cent in the first three months of this year.

they went on sale at Tin Shui Wai, an out-of-the-way location near the Chinese border a few weeks ago. A four-bedroom flat in Dynasty Court, a stylish complex, has sold for more than £500,000, while homes on Hong Kong Island's southern coast cost up to £750,000. families in Kowloon, one of the

most densely crowded places on earth, cost about £5,500 a month to rent, while luxury homes for top executives can cost more than £12,000 a month to rent.

Nonetheless, developers and estate agents were angry last month decided to extend the period under

before they are finished from a year to 15 months - but on condition that all flats in a given development are put on the market within six

The authorities hope that earlier sales will improve liquidity for developers and prompt them to put more apartments on the market. Property companies have traditionally tried to keep prices high by putting fewer than 30.000 homes on the market each year for the past decade, and last year hit a new low 19,000 became

The new rule was announced on the same day that Hong Kong banks raised their prime lending rates from 8.5 per cent to 8.75 per

cent, an increase prompted by the rise in American rates, since the Hong Kong dollar is pegged to the American currency.

A spokesman for the Hong Kong Real Estate Developers' Association described the changes as "an' unwarranted intervention in normal commercial decision-making".

homes leapt 20 to 30 per cent in the first three months of this year. Estate agents in the territory expect the rate rise and the new rule governing flat sales to bring a fall in apartment prices of up to 10 per cent this summer before recovering and rising later in the year.

Ivan Chen Kun-wah, an assistant general manager of Midland Realty estate agents, told the South China Morning Post newspaper: "Prices were going too far. it was time to take a break."

ers believe that specula tion fever is unlikely to be cooled by China's takeover in July, largely because Hong Kong's scarcity of good housing is getting worse.

The territory's population has surged by 16 per cent to 6.3 million in the past ten years, a level planners had not expected until 2010. The leap in property prices means that most Hong Kong families cannot afford to buy and more than 50 per cent of the population now lives in public housing.

As well as the burgeoning population and chronic housing shortage, the price of homes have been bolstered by a 34.5 per cent rise in the Hang Seng share index, which is dominated

Hong Kong politicians are now worried that the bubble could burst just as Beijing takes over. Chris-Patten, the Governor, and C.H. Tung, the man who becomes Chief Executive of the territory on July 1, have both warned that property prices are rising too quickly and there have been dark rumours of a 16.5 per cent profit tax on

## Luxury and elegance that suit to a tee

Golfers and second-home owners enjoy the splendour of

Royal Westmoreland in Barbados, says Diana Wildman

T ext month, on Friday Westmoreland Golf Club and the Sandy Lane golf club will play for the Duke of York trophy. This is a fine silver claret jug which the Duke presented to Royal Westmoreland during his last visit to Barbados — on condition a competition was held for it every Friday the 13th.

The Duke, an excellent golfer and an honorary club member, will not be participating this time but he plans to play for Royal Westmoreland the following time round, February 13, 1998.

Six years ago, Royal Westmoreland was just another bankrupt West Indies sugar

foothills above St James on the sophisticated west side of the island, home of the Sandy Lane and Glitter Bay hotels. It is here, too, that the horse supremo Robert Sangster owns a grand beachside mansion and where the Guinness family, the Cunards and Noël Coward chose to holiday in

But today's second-home owner doesn't just want to sip cocktails all day. Most buy with an eye on future rental income, a well-managed leisure scheme and in-house management and rental facilities as well as plenty of sport. Royal Westmoreland con-

their vast villas.

sists of an 18-hole championship golf course, the local point of which is the colonial-style clubhouse. Split-level town

houses around the club have been built and mostly sold. Edging the greens and fairtached villas. Fifty homes have been sold, and a further 25 are sold but still under construction. The company expects to sell a further 50 homes this year. When the development is completed, there will be 300

egant properties. Prices range from E330,000 for a two-bedroom unit while standard detached, four-bedroom villas cost from £490,000-£770,000. Individually designed homes on large plots start at £1.3 million.

Royal Westmoreland has a special government concession for overseas purchasers who do not have to pay the usual 10 per cent property nurchase tax.

In addition, non-residents may obtain a local mortgage up to 50 per cent. However, Barbadian law specifies that all property transactions must be handled by a local anorney.

Sales manager David Bar-nard says: "A lawyer could advise on the formation of an offshore company through which the property would be purchased if required. All property owners have the right to become members of the golf club but outside membership is limited."

Prominent outside members include Sir Garfield Sobers and Virginia Wade, Giles Rooney, UK director

of Royal Westmoreland, says: "Although the homes are prov-ing extremely attractive to golfers, a large proportion of

buyers do not play golf at ail.

These purchasers are buying for lifestyle factors, the security of the gated development and the community facilities which include tennis. swimming pools, a heaith spa, gymnasium and restaurant."

A smart marina develop ment is planned for Port St Charles, on the west coast of Barbados, a few miles north of St James. This scheme will consist of one to three-bedroom apartments, three-bedroom town houses and spacious beachfront villas, priced from about £198,000 to El.3 million through Nick Leeming of Humberts.

Planners have included several amenities exclusively for residents, including membership of the yacht club. No duty will be charged on personal effects or yachts brought into Barbados by Port St Charles

Recreational facilities include two restaurants, shops. tennis and squash courts, a spa and an islet within the marina's lagoon with a freshwater swimming pool, bur and a dinghy dock.

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## Golf's the big hook for Majorcan resorts

High-class coastal fairway developments are now

going with a swing, reports Christopher Warman

sun, is an abiding reason for building residential developments in southern Europe. The choice of Valderrama at the Spanish resort of Sotogrande, east of Gibraltar, for this year's Ryder Cup is recognition of its growing importance.

Majorca, too, has seen an quality of its golf courses as upmarket. The latest projects at Bendinat, an \$50acre estate close to Palma, demonstrate this

bought in the car-ly 1980s by Prince Nawaf bin Abdul Aziz, a senior member of the Saudi Arabian roval family. The estate's first phase

sold out quickly, mainly to the British market, and the second phase - the golf complex - has also sold out. That included a nine-hole golf course and 130 apartments. Phase three is now under way.

The 21 apartments and right town houses at Ses Oliveres, due for completion in June 1998, have been designed by Joan Manuel Bonnin on two, three and four floors in a typically Mediterranean style, with varied roof levels. Conscious of environmental issues, the developers have met the challenge with low-lying buildings that blend in with the landscape, using a sepa-

rate network of water for drinking and irrigation. low-wattage street lighting, solar light and double glazing to save energy, and special materials to improve

The Royal Bendinat golf course has joined the Audubon Society of New York, a leading ecological group with more than 2,000 member golf courses, including Augusta. Bendinat is the first course in Spain, along with Valderrama, to become a full member, and the

increasingly cos-mopolitan, both The Sotogrande estate also in owners and developers. The agents are now offers sandy beaches, a selling villas in a new development marina and horse riding completed by Mont Services

course will become a reserve

Prices, including a share

in the golf club, range from

£121,000 for a one-bedroom

apartment and Ei28,000 for

two bedrooms, to £1\$4,000

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three courses at Sotogrande,

which with three further

courses nearby claims to be

the home of European golf. As well as golf, the 4,500-

sandy beaches, a

Valderrama is one of

for flora and fauna.

Russian-owned and Danish-built, in one of the more established areas near the Old Course and river. Aimed at the top of the market, they are for sale from about £540,000.

meets the requirements of a

modern leisure resort. But golf, and the Spanish suc-

cess of enticing the Ryder Cup from Britain, is the

main reason for interest in

Holmes, long-established

estate agents at Sotogrande.

looks after new and resale

properties as well as rental

property, including the

week of the Ryder Cup in

The estate is becoming

operty there.

More realistically, for those who have not won the National Lottery, Holmes offers a wide range of resale apartments and houses. Apartment prices start from about £50.000 for a twobedroom one at Tenisol, from £80,000 for a beach apartment, and from £210,000 for four-bedroom, terraced houses on the edge of the Guardiaro river, with views of Gibraltar and the nature reserve island. (Holmes: 01473 610758).

## Why eight is a lucky number

Superstition can play a part when

foreigners go house-hunting in

Britain, says Katherine Bergen

s a classic "English Foxtons has found Chiswick A thew in Nancy ford's movel Pursuit of Love expresses an unambiguous view of foreigners. "Abroad is unutterably bloody and foreigners are fiends," he rants. discover how much foreigners like this country and are making themselves at home

According to Knight Frank. overseas tenants account for more than 80 per cent of the prime central London lettings: market. Landlords who want to stay ahead of competition would be well advised to study the different national characteristics, as perceived by Brit-

Americans like wellequipped homes with large kitchens and lots of bathrooms. with high-quality fittings and power showers. They also like period homes. Fitness-conscious Ameri-

cans like swimming pools, gyms and tennis courts, and both Aylesford and Knight Frank point out that the American School in St John's Wood make that area particularly attractive. The property devel oper Anthony Lassman says smart Americans also love Belgravia because it compares favourably with Park Avenue and Fifth Avenue in New York Middle Eastern clients also like Belgravia.

The French want traditional properties but in pristine order, says Knight Frank The Lycée in South Kensington and the premises of the Alliance Française, which are also located there, have led to a concentration of French people in the area. The Scandinavians, Swiss and Germans like lots of natural wood and light and high-tech fittings. The Swiss insist on power showers, while the Germans are keen to settle in Richmond.

near the German School. Savills says that Middle Eastern clients, as well as Greek, Turkish and Russian buyers, like large family apartments with lots of space in purpose-built mansion blocks. A lot of kudos is attached to proximity to Harrods and Hyde Park.

genophobe, Uncle Mat- to be popular with the Japa-School in Ealing. Their taste is for new properties with simple, almost minimalist, decoration. At Knight Frank, staff find that the Japanese can cause confusion by complimenting a property even when they do not like it in order to avoid causing offence.

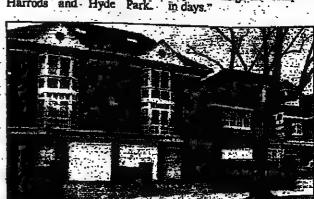
The Hong Kong Chinese like newly built homes with a high quality of finish. Accordi ing to Aylesford, they but more for investment, like Sin gaporeans, than for owne occupation. Foxtons has foun that they are interested i buying newly refurbished blocks, especially in Kensing ton, where they will pay up t £600 or £700 per square foot.

Knight Frank's experience is that Hong Kong Chinese are highly superstitious when choosing a property. A death in a house or a nearby graveyard is very unlucky Conversely, a house that has had a fire can be lucky, as is the number eight. Many Chinese will not live in a property in a new development that has a four in the number.

Trevor Abrahmsohn managing director of Glentree Estates, luxury agents specialising in north London, says Middle Eastern purchasers can be stubborn. They want a good position. opulent and overtly ostenta-tious. They don't understand what we call the Tardis principle, the idea that something small from the outside can be big inside.

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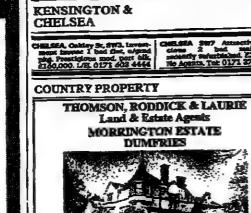
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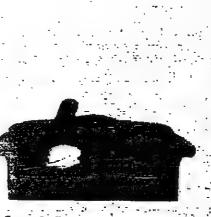
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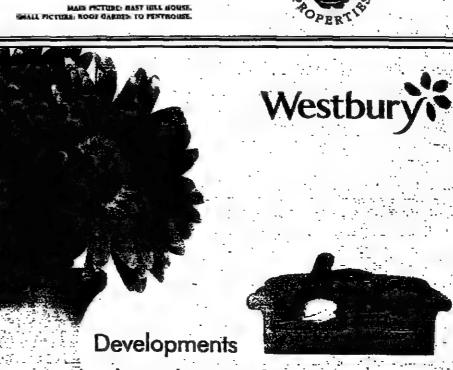
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Skill and hard work have transformed a 17th-century house in Sussex, writes Shona Crawford Poole

## Wilderness tamed by a labour of love

ehind every rural idyll lie decades of hard work with Gilly Hopton's 17th-century cottage and garden is a prime

Greenhurst is a rambling ottage built side-on to a lane that runs between Storrington and Thakeham, deep in West Sussex. It is a modest, loved house, with five bedrooms, a detached four-room annexe, and a captivating garden.

The look is uncontrived, but skill, care and 20 years of hard work have gone into it. Mrs Hopton created her garden single-handed

In the beginning, there was three quar-ters of an acre of rough grass facing south and bordering farmland. Succeeding summers saw lawn, bigger borders. Today meandering paths open on to unsuspected

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sweet peas on the old vegetable patch, a sizeable pond unseen from the house, and passages of inspired planting, each area a delight in close-up, a small

part of a charming whole. The pond is easily the best thing I have done," she says. "I have had kingfishers in it. even though there is no stream nearby, and it brings in wild ducks and moorhens.

At this time of year forget me-nots run amok between the new greenery of summer faith- hupins, hollyhocks. columbines and sweet williams. Wild strawberries clamber up the steps from the greenhouse, leading to a run of apple trees espaliered at waist height. Soon there will be roses everywhere, pink Zéphirine Drouhin climbing with clematis montana alba over the walls in the yard.

including rugosa, and stron-gest of the climbers, Kiftsgate, spilling its creamy white flow-The garden is defined by a

now-you-see-it, now-you-don't cast of trees and hedging. On one side an ancient beech offers shade. A golden-leafed maple and the chalk-pale leaves of whitebeam, a species which grows wild on the South Downs, are star turns. Tamed laurel and trim box alternate

beams, a deep blue Rayburn, and pine cupboards. Between

Pansies offer a cheery welcome to the house

and hawthorn. Then at the bottom of the garden, nothing much at all separates border

A brick-paved yard at the back of the house separates it from the annexe. Pansies, herbs and spring flowers tumble out of pots standing around in welcome. The garage doors are kept open for the swallows who come back to nest in the roof every year.

Mrs Hooton has lived in the village all her life. When she was widowed ten years ago she threw her energy into the garden. Now her own children have flown the nest, she says: "I want to move on, to make another garden, and I want a view of the Downs."

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> the kitchen and the dining and sitting rooms on the other side of the house, are a couple of small rooms each inviting an hour with a book or a flop in front of the television. The scent of woodsmoke lingers deliciously in the sitting room, which has a logburning grate in the inglenook fireplace, and a carved frieze on the dark oak bressummer beam above it.

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# Winning ways with offices

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Martin Pickard, head of property, at Cellnet's offices in Slough

been more important as the needs of business change in line with advancing technology. Teleworking, hot-desking and serviced offices (elsewhere on this page) all offer a challenge to the traditional

The Office of the Year awards, produced by the British Institute of Facilities Management in association with The Times, therefore offer an insight into the ways in which professionals are responding - to the point where there may be no such thing as a "traditional" office.

Cellnet, winner of two awards - the existing buildings class and facilities management team award - are based in Slough, but needed an additional building to house their head office. They found a three-storey building, with a central atrium, standing empty.

The management used the opportu-nity to adapt the building, in Bath Road, Slough, to reinforce structural changes in its way of doing business. bringing in more team-based working. The previous hierarchical structure, allowing enclosed offices, was changed. No longer could staff regard space as their right and as a status

symbol. Now it has become a flexible resource, and people are moved about.
To the delight of the company, 90 per cent of the staff said they were satisfied with their new workplaces, and pro-

ductivity increased.

Martin Pickard, Cellnet's head of property, said the building looked good and felt good. "We are very pleased that we changed the offices in line with what was needed to help the company to move forward, to take it in the direction it wanted to go," he said.

The judges reported they were "very

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Warman looks at

the innovation behind this year's Office of the

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impressed with the project team's development of a strategy to support business objectives at both the corpo-rate and the individual levels. This has been implemented with great imagina-

tion and efficiency."

Mr Pickard is just as pleased that he and his team won the facilities management team award. "We are usually considered as being responsible for fire buckets and underlay. It is good to be recognised for helping the business we

serve," he says.

E-fact limited, a newly formed graphic art company, subsidiary of a German advertising agency, and winners of the smaller offices award, had a simple brief to the interior designers Architeam: find inexpensive offices in the heart of London which could be converted into a truly paperless office

for 35 people, with room for expansion. The offices, in St John Street, London ECI, are divided into open and private cellular space, the floor covered in blue studded rubber tiles, the walls white except for one set of walls painted in different shades of green, and the

partitions constructed of glass blocks to increase natural light. The most advanced graphic design computer equipment is installed to allow the company to produce the very highest quality of artwork available, but no one has a specific workstation - and there is a total absence of paper.

The heart of this super-modern environment is perhaps best epitomised by the database servers which are encased in a three-metre diameter cylinder of glass blocks, pulsing with a heartheat of blue light. Now there's originality and creativity for you.

inners of the other catego-ries were British Airways Compass Centre at Heathrow (purpose built offices): British Nuclear Fuels Ltd. Thorp Division, Sellafield (green award); and Leo Burnett Ltd. Sloane

Avenue, London (innovation award).
The 237,000 sq ft Compass Centre
was designed to incorporate a new culture for BA staff to enable more effective communications between all personnel by combining, for the first time, flight crews, cabin crews and administrators. These had previously been housed at different sites.

BNFL's new management centre benefits from its close proximity to, and association with, the nuclear reprocessing facilities. Space heating is derived from a ring main encircling the Sellafield site which uses steam generated as a byproduct of the nuclear fission process. Electricity is also sourced from the nuclear facilities.

Leo Burnett's "innovation" was to incorporate a swipe card security system as a mechanism for controlling the lighting systems and air condition-

A computer impression of Solaris

SOLARIS, a new mixed-use development for west London, including offices, a Tesco superstore, 75 housing units and leisure facilities, has been launched by Spen Hill Properties.

The focus for the project, on the junction of West Cronwell Road and Warwick Road, London W14, will be a 160,000sq ft office building and an open air piazza. Healey & Baker, the agents, say that Solaris is designed along the principles in the Department of the Environment's new planning guidelines, which encourage the use of mixed development to bring life back into urban

The designs for two new buildings for the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange (LIFFE) at the old Spitalfields market, drawn up by architects Foster and Partners, have gone on show. An application for planning permission has been submitted to Tower Hamlets Council. The application, endorsed by the Spitalfields Development Group, is for a 485,000 sq ft trading building and a 240,000 sq ft support building on SDG's 13-acre site close to Liverpool Street station. A masterplan for the whole Spitalfields site was developed to ensure a coherent design for the area, and given planning permission by the council in 1993.

A new retail park could safeguard the future of higher education on the Isle of Wight, according to Donaldsons, chartered surveyors. The Isle of Wight College, the only source of further and higher education on the Island and its fifth biggest employer, is under threat because of its costly and

largely obsolete buildings.

The college has now agreed to sell surplus land at its site in Newport to Sears Property Developments Ltd. which intends to develop a 160,000 sq ft retail park. The site sale proceeds will meet the costs of the new college, and an application has been submitted to the isle of Wight Council.

Wates City of London Properties has let the entire office content of its development at 90 Queen Street, EC4, to a single tenant, Banca Commerciale Italiana S.p.A. one of Italy's largest clearing banks. The bank will move its London headquarters from 42 Gresham Street, EC2, to the 63,109 sq ft building in the autumn.

### Mark Dixon, the man behind the growing Regus empire, has made a fortune with bold property ideas

THERE is no better evidence of the growing achievements of Regus, the leading provider of fully serviced offices worldwide, than the entry of its executive chairman and founder, Mark Dixon, in this year's Sunday Times list of the richest men in the UK. Christopher Warman writes.

Mr Dixon, 32, who left school at 16, started his career selling hamburgers. He sold that business in 1988 and used the proceeds to launch Regus. The Sunday Times estimates that he is now worth £250 million.

Further recognition came when he was voted UK property entrepreneur of the year at the 1997 Property Awards, sponsored by Property Week magazine, and Regus won the international achievement award.

## The burger king goes global

complete change in the office market and Mark Dixon has attached his own label to 'office hotelling'."

Regus has certainly taken the lead in helping people to change the way they work, using the best communications technology available.

The pace of expansion demonstrates potential demand: Regus aims to open one centre a week during 1997. investing more than £40 million during the year. At present there are more than 130 office locations in 34 countries, with about 70 under its direct management in the UK, the The judges said: "There has been a Continent. South Africa and South

America, and the remainder through alliances in Australia and North

A typical Regus centre is 15,000 sq ft, split into small, fully furnished offices. The company rents the offices to companies on a pay-as-you-use basis, on short-term flexible agreements. Regus is committed to installing videoconferencing facilities in all its pan-European centres, making it the largest "public access" videoconferencing supplier in Europe. It is also launching "touchdown" facilities for teleworkers at all of its new centres. This will enable people whose work keeps them on the move to touch down at any centre to collect messages, make calls, write reports and take advantage of secretarial support. The secretarial and support staff

speak at least two languages.

Brian Dudley, the chief executive, says: "The service we are offering is right for now and for the future. We are in the middle of a revolution in offices. Companies are realising the cost and demands of changing technology. We are allowing companies to move from one location to another."

In the UK, the number of centres increased from 15 to 26 last year and it

is envisaged that there will eventually be 80-90, and up to 400-500 world-wide, all in prime locations.

While Regus aims to provide everything a company might need on a temporary basis, it acknowledges that there will always be a need for permanent offices, though they may shrink in size. But it has proved that its formula fills a demand. Its clients cover the whole range of business from new enterprises starting up to multinationals looking for new mar-

Businessmen had to work in hotel bedrooms, a lonely existence. With Regus they can do their work and meet other people at the same time." says Mr Dudley.

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## I started as a tiddler on the roof

eople say I am mad up on a rouf, basically because I am fairly agile. I never ever fall. Even if I have had three or four pints, it doesn't

I am the eldest of a family of 13 from County Clare in Ireland and I was good at school and won a scholarship I was studying electri-cal engineering at college but I dropped out. My mother didn't talk to me for three months after that, but I didn't want college. 1 still don't regret it because I enjoy my work. I like having fun with the

I have always had a head for heights. I used to climb on the ledges on the Cliffs of Moher back home, and when I was 12 I climbed the school chimneys to put flags up when the Pope came to Ireland to

I went up there on my own. I was about four years old when I climbed a big ash tree and slipped from the small branches to bigger ones about four feet lower. I had glasses then to correct a squint and they broke ... I haven't worn THE ROOFER'S TALE

Building secrets revealed as a craftsman confesses all to Eve-Ann Prentice

I work 12 to 14 hours a day. We are putting up a roof in Mill Hill at the moment. It's all in the head when it comes to balance. Some people don't have the nerve. A lot of accidents are due to people's stupidity and lack of

Flat roofs are the most difficult because you are so fied to time, dealing with the hot tar. It is so finicky. If someone wants a new roof. I am their man. I can do it and I never have any

problems. There is no difference in the quality of a roof on a rich house or a modest house because all the tiles are factory-made, unless you have Cotswold stone, which is more expensive. Slates cost about El each and the

average roof costs £2,500 to £3,000, including labour. People still swipe lead from roofs

would be but I know I could never If it is raining on the roof it will

because you can get about £20 a

hundredweight from the scrap

metal merchants for it. Some

foremen on building sites are very stupid in England. It varies from

site to site. I am also a carpenter

and I was working on the Jubilee

Line extension working under a

seven-and-a-half ton lintel and I asked the chargehand to pass me

down some wood. He said he was

blowed if he was going to go

It was good money there though - £500 a week. Then the recession

hit. I think people have learnt a lesson about the black market. It

will never be like it was during the

boom years again. People made

I don't know what my dream life

good money and they were silly.

labouring for me.

Danger is all in people's heads. I was working on a site when a friend came over from Ireland to work with me. He was awful nervous and had to put sheet ply

down to crawl across the beams. He had no head for heights. We were brought in one Saturday at one place when the boss and his brother were finishing the roof. The boss asked my friend to hammer in the nails and my friend was at an awkward angle and afraid of hitting the boss's hand.
The boss told him to hit the

definitely stop you working. The slates get too slippery.

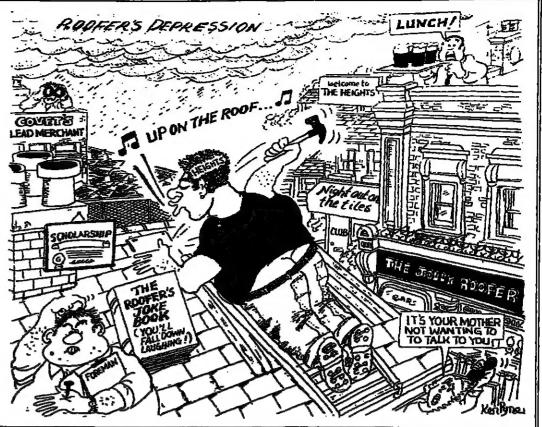
friend dropped the hammer and I won't be told what to do; I will nod in agreement but then do what

thing and he took a great swing

with the hammer. He took your

man's thumbnail right off. My

My girlfriend worries about me. I have no personal insurance, but I am lucky. My two kids are fearless, too. I have a girl and a boy and the boy can't be kept down. They climb the wooden book-



With land values soaring, homeowners are dusting off their dark and cobwebbed image of basements, reports Amanda Loose

# Britain's underground movement



Houses like this in Regent's Park provide inspiration for a new wave of homes with basements

evelopers are going under-ground. As land values soar, lifestyles change and building land in prime locations becomes ever dearer, basements are making a comeback.

Popular on the Continent, and found in some 40 per cent of North American homes, basements are now being seized upon by many developers as a solution to changing housing needs. Developers Fairclough Homes

and Laing plan to build basements. while building organisations including the National House Building Council (NHBC), the British Cement Association and the Building Research Establishment have formed the Basement Development Group.

Basements were com-monplace earlier this century, says Derek Hamilton-Knight of the NHBC, but their

popularity dwindled after the Second World War: "They were seen as dark and filled with cobwebs in the 1950s and 1960s." But as land becomes scarcer and

ever more expensive in urban areas and demand for spacious new homes increases, developers are continually looking for ways to make the most of limited spaces. Basements are a solution in

densely populated areas such as London and the South East, says Mike Dobner of Fairclough

Homes: "When developers pay such a premium for large areas of good building land, we need to maximise the square footage of house on each site.

We have already built threestorey town houses with underground garages, but buyers seem to prefer two storeys above ground. We are currently looking at basements which are not fully sunken, with windows above ground to let in a little light."

And people are willing to pay for extra space, above or below

'People buy for the long term and homes need potential for a larger family or leisure'

> ground, says Andrew Dewar of Curchods: "Many large new houses we market have a basement, often because developers are taking every opportunity to provide as much living accommodation as

"We have recently sold a sixbedroom house in St George's Hill, Surrey, with 2,500 square feet of accommodation, including a gym and games room below ground, for around £I million."

In the new build market. Stuart Wallis of Laing Homes says there is 15 per cent additional return on houses with basements at the top end of the market. Laing Homes has included base-

ments at its latest development in Cuffley. Hertfordshire, where the four houses will gain up to 1,000 sq ft of additional floor space. People now buy for the long term and homes need to have

potential, be it for a larger family or eisure activities. We include basements in all our North American developments, and our research shows that people are very

receptive to the idea of extra space." says Mr Wallis.

Mr Hamilton-Knight agrees: "New build houses were seen as a quick investment in the 1980s, but buyers now treat them as somewhere they want to live and can adapt into a home."

Thirlstone Homes hopes to start building basements after several buyers at the top end of the market inquired about them, says Tony Pidgley: "We initially thought about building wine cellars, but decided we shouldn't be so specific. More and more people demand extra space, whether they work at home, or want sauna rooms, gyms. storage space, utility and shower rooms - and in the case of one client a dog room — but do not want to lose an all-important bedroom.

### **Private** landlords are given their own watchdog

Katherine Bergen

on a new-style

ombudsman for

rented property For the first time, private landlords can use the services of an independent Housing Ombudsman instead of going to law. He is Roger Jeffries.

formerly the Housing Associations Tenants' Ombudsman. A scheme which came into operation last month under the Housing Act of 1996 covers all social landlords other than local authorities, and offers voluntary membership to private sector

landlords. Two codes provide recognised and reasonable standards for the management of tenanted residential property. A further code was published last year by the Associ-ation of Retired Housing Managers. All three envisage that landlords should have clear proce-

dures for handling complaints.

"It would therefore be logical and fair for unresolved complaints in the private rented sector to be considered by an Ombudsman. The Housing Act now enables me

to fulfil that role," Mr Jeffries says. He maintains that most landlords want to ensure their tenants get a good service, earn a good reputation and let their homes easily. Disputes with tenants cost money and time: going to court can be very expensive and sometimes damaging. If they are left unresolved, they can undermine com-

petent housing management. The scheme offers an impartial. careful, informal and cost-effective review of complaints, after the landlord's own procedures have been followed. My rulings are conclusive, and I believe they are seen as fair." Mr Jefferies says. Decisions are given with full explanations and reasons for them.

I investigate complaints from tenants and others receiving housing services from landlords about matters concerning their relation-ship with their landlords. The complaint must have been registered with the landlord in the last twelve months of the matter arising and must have completed the landlord's own procedures before it can be considered by me.

"I must make a decision on each complaint according to what is fair in the circumstances. If I uphold the complaint. I can order compensation or other reasonable and

appropriate redress." Landlords in the scheme fund it through an annual subscription. In 1997-98 it is estimated that the charge will be 85p to 95p a year per unit of accommodation in the scheme. Saving the legal costs from one court case could easily meet a landlord's subscription for a whole year.

The subscription covers a full range of dispute resolution services including the Ombudsman staff and access to the advice they receive from the barristers and solicitors on difficult points of law and from a panel of experts who advise on accountancy, surveying and housing management as well as the mediation and arbitration

"We really do want to encourage private sector landlords," urges Mr Jeffries. "I suspect renting tenants" and leaseholders' problems are not markedly different from those in registered social housing, and we believe the extension of the Ombudsman concept will prove

♠ More details are available from the Independent Housing Ombudsman at Norman House, 105-109, Strand, London C2R ()AA

## Couple go Dutch to rid their home of dampness

Eve-Ann Prentice discovers a damp-control system from

The Netherlands that promises to dry even the wettest home

turned green. They bought a dehumidifier, but even that was defeated by the chronic damp at the family's home drawn into the tubes and over a in Sanderstead, near Croydon, south London. It collected five litres of water in just two days. Now the Littles' detached home has become the first in the United

Kingdom to be fitted with a Dutch damp-control system which has carried outside by the constant won awards in its wet and be-dyked home country. The system was devised more than 20 years ago by Dutchman Henk Schrijver, who specialised in

have become the first people

in Britain to go Dutch to cure the bane of their lives. The

home they bought six years ago

was dripping with condensation.

Paint flaked off window frames

almost as soon as it was applied.

Upstairs rooms had an unnatural

chill. Even their metal curtain rings

fireplaces and chimneys. He noticed that chimney walls were often drier than the rest of a house, even if the home was plagued by damp. Since 1976 Mr Schrijver's device has been installed in tens of thousands of homes in The Netherlands, Belgium, France, Pornugal and Spain.

The Schrijver Systeem is de signed to draw damp air out of a house through a series of ceramic tubes cut into outside walls which act like mini-chimneys. Dry air is

bell-shaped clay element, where a end I had to push them to go." draught is created causing a cold spor. Damp from inside the house s sucked into the system where it condenses in the cold spot and is

Now Mr Schrijver's son, Frank, and Evert de Graaf, a director of the Dutch company, have come to Britain to try to interest owners of damp homes in their product. The Little family became their first

customers last month. The wall in one bedroom was very wet," says Mrs Little. "Windows would run with water and pools formed in windowsills.

"I don't think we will really know. if it works until the autumn, but my husband and I were very impressed by the way the system was explained and how they worked when they installed it. They took a day-and-a-half and were so keen on

cleaning up afterwards that in the

The system, which carries a money-back guarantee, costs £87 a running metre to install - about £1,500 for the average British semi, the Schrijver company says.

"It looks very neat and friends who have called since it was installed did not even notice. I am very impressed," says Mrs Little.

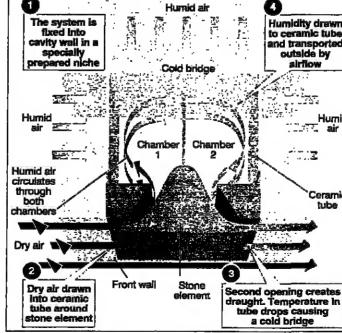
Damp caused by condensation has become a problem in many modern homes where double glazing, draught excluders and damp courses can over-insulate rooms. David Tuffin, a chartered buildings surveyor and spokesman for the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, says: "We used to rely on natural draughts. By sticking in all these modern materials with impermeable finishes we are destroy-

ing the natural balance." Mr Tuffin had not seen the Schrijver method, but said: "It may

be a new product but the principle is not new in this country and devices that enhanced the natural draughts were used long before damp courses were thought of. They worked."

Other damp proofing specialists, who were also unaware of the Schrijver device, were less flattering. Mike Bromley, of the British Wood Preserving and Damp Proofing Association, said he could not see how it would work better than existing damp treatments, and Peter Tromman, of the Building Research Establishment, said: "I would think there would be a danger of salt contamination. I am

highly sceptical." Nonetheless, the Schrijver Systeem has won first prize in a national Dutch competition for new inventions and says it received its patent in 1988 only after tests on hundreds of houses in The Netherlands were carried out. It



can be used in single brick and cavity walls, insulated and noninsulated homes, the Schrijver

company says.
Professor Ingo Oldenkamp, of the Department of Design Engineering at Delft University in The Netherlands, has investigated the method and says: "It definitely works. At first I was very sceptical

when I heard about it, but when I the system in a very damp area I was surprised. The people who had damp houses before are now very happy and I am impressed by how

• For information about the Schrijver Systeem telephone 01737

# New umpires put on the boundary

Surveyors can now settle disputes between neighbours over party walls, writes Stephen Brennan

ROBERT Frost wrote "good fences make good neighbours". To take it one step further, good laws make good fences, and so ensure good neighbours.

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Apart from noise, boundary disputes must be the single biggest cause of disputes between people who live next door to each

Good relations can be strained if one owner discovers damage done to his property through work commenced on an adjoining wall by a neighbour, of which he had no warning. Costly litiga-

tion could well follow. The Party Wall Act 1996, which comes into force on July L simplifies the procedures that must be observed if building work or treatment is applied to a wall shared by two properties and extends protection to people whose only recourse now is legal action after the damage has been

Essentially, the Act will make it easier to work on a party wall. Outside London, owners have had complete ownership of their half of an adjoining wall and neighbours have had very limited rights over next door's half. This has meant that neighbours can object and halt work on a house that intrudes into their section of a shared wall, even if no damage will ensue. This is especially relevant to kitchen and loft

London has had a simplified procedure since the London Building Act 1939, which ensures that neighbours must be notified of proposed works on shared walls and provides a low-cost and streamlined form of arbitration in

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disputes. It will be repealed on July I when the new Act - based very closely on the London Building Act -- comes into force. Under the new Act, the half of a

wall lying on an owner's side "The ideal solution is

for both parties to choose one surveyor'

belongs to him and he has rights over the other half. John Kelly is a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. He is a partner with the Kelly Langley Partnership based in Bromley, south London and Cambridge and specialises in

the new Act. He says: "The new legislation should simplify matters for householders. 'Anyone who wants to carry out

works which affect a shared structure will be legally bound to inform their neighbours first and give them the opportunity to appoint a surveyor before works

Where a party wall exists, a great number of rights are given to building owners. They can raise it, thicken it, underpin it, cut into it (for a flashing, damp-proof course or a steel joist, for example or even demolish it and rebuild it. The Act allows work to go ahead without a neighbour's permission as long as strict procedures are adhered to. This was not possible before. There are, however, some

Mr Kelly says that before doing

any works, the building owner must serve notice giving his or her name and address, details of the work and when it will start. This must be at least two months before work begins and expires if the work has not started within a year or does not proceed at a asonable speed. "Any disputes are resolved

through a simple procedure involving surveyors," says Mr Kelly. The ideal solution is for both parties to choose one surveyor in whom they both have confidence to act as 'agreed surveyor' and settle all matters in contention.

"He can decide whether damage has been caused and how to put it right. This is the cheapest solution, especially for small

John Anstey, FRICS, of Anstey Horne & Co, has been involved



with the drafting of the Act from its inception. He has been campaigning for a change in the law tince 1964, seeking to extend the London Act to the rest of England and Wales.

"It is such a good system that it

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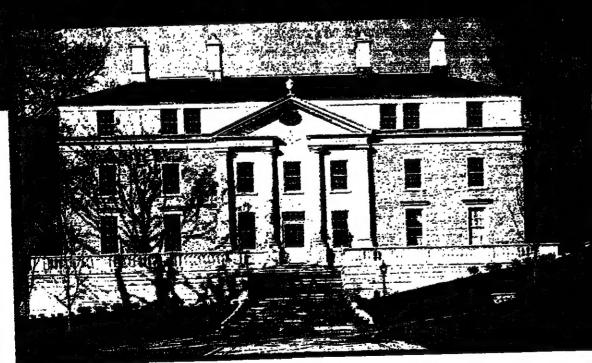
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